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BY THE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST

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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 52

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FIFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Relating to a study concerning medical

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malpractice insurance.

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

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WHEREAS in most states there has been a tremendous rise in medical malpractice insurance and many of the smaller communities of this state have lost physicians who cannot be replaced because this insurance is unavailable at any price or at rate increases of up to 3000 per cent; and

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WHEREAS the Alaska State Medical Association has been unable to solve this problem because of the inability or unwillingness on the part of physicians to purchase malpractice insurance from one insurance carrier thus making sales unattractive to the insurance industry; and

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WHEREAS attempts by the legislature to ease this situation have failed;

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BE IT RESOLVED that the Governor is respectfully requested to direct the Division of Insurance, Department of Commerce, after consulting representatives of the insurance industry and the Alaska State Medical Association, to develop a plan for making medical malpractice insurance available to the licensed physicians of Alaska at a reasonable rate, and to present this report to the next legislature.

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