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Referred: Health, Welfare
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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY BEIRN ; AND BANFIELD

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 583

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the retention of hospital records."
7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

8 * Section 1. AS 18.20 is amended by adding a new section to read:

9 Sec. 18.20.085. HOSPITAL RECORDS RETENTION. (a) A hospital shall
10 retain and preserve records which relate directly to the care and treat-
11 ment of a patient for a period of seven years following the discharge
12 of the patient. However, the records of a patient under 21 years of
13 age shall be kept until at least one year after the patient has reached
14 the age of 21 years and in any case not less than seven years. Records
15 consisting of X-ray film are required to be retained for five years.

16 (b) The department shall by regulation define the types of
17 records and the information required to be included in the records
18 retained and preserved under (a) of this section.

19 (c) If a hospital ceases operation, it shall make immediate
20 arrangements, as approved by the department, for the preservation of
21 its records.

22 (d) In this section, "hospital" includes those facilities defined
23 as hospitals under secs. 130(1) and 210(3) of this chapter.
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