

Original sponsor: Health, Welfare and
Education Committee

Offered: 3/27/69
Referred: Rules

HCS

1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 241

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to mentally ill individuals."

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

8 * Section 1. AS 47.30.020 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

9 (b) In the case of a voluntary commitment of an individual
10 addicted to the excessive use of drugs or alcohol, the individual shall
11 agree to remain for not less than 90 days or a shorter time which the
12 head of the hospital considers necessary and adequate. After that
13 time he shall be discharged in accordance with sec. 50 of this chapter.

14 * Sec. 2. AS 47.30.050(a) is amended to read:

15 (a) An individual, 30 days after admission to a designated hos-
16 pital under sec. 20 of this chapter, except as provided in sec. 20(b) of
17 this chapter, or an individual admitted to a designated hospital under
18 sec. 30 of this chapter, shall be immediately discharged upon his re-
19 quest or upon the request in writing of an interested party or peace
20 officer, except that

21 (1) if admitted upon his own application, his discharge may
22 be conditioned upon his agreement;

23 (2) if under 18 years of age and admitted under sec. 20 of
24 this chapter, his discharge before becoming 18 years of age may be con-
25 ditioned upon the consent of his parent or guardian; and

26 (3) if the head of a designated hospital, within 48 hours
27 after receiving the request, files with the superior court a certifica-
28 tion that in his opinion the discharge of the patient would be unsafe
29 to the patient or others, the discharge may be postponed for not more

1 than five days to begin commitment proceedings under sec. 70 of this
2 chapter; if the court finds that because of justifiable circumstances,
3 proceedings for judicial hospitalization cannot reasonably be insti-
4 tuted in that time, the discharge may be postponed for not more than
5 15 days.

6 * Sec. 3. AS 47.30 is amended by adding a new section to read:

7 Sec. 47.30.325. TREATMENT OF PERSONS ADDICTED TO THE EXCESSIVE
8 USE OF ALCOHOL OR DRUGS. Persons addicted to the excessive use of
9 alcohol or drugs shall be hospitalized and treated under secs. 10 - 340
10 of this chapter.
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