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2 SENATE BILL NO. 48

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3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the state health plan."

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

8 * Section 1. AS 18.05.051 is amended to read:

9 Sec. 18.05.051. COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL. (a)

10 There is created a Comprehensive Health Advisory Council which shall
11 consist of governmental and nongovernmental members. The council may
12 appoint advisory committees outside its membership.

13 (b) The council shall include 21 [11] nongovernmental members,
14 at least 12 [EIGHT] of whom shall be consumers of health services
15 and no more than nine [THREE] of whom shall be representatives of non-
16 governmental agencies which are concerned with health care services.
17 The council shall elect a chairman from among the nongovernmental
18 members to serve a two-year term.

19 (1) Nongovernmental members are appointed by the governor
20 subject to confirmation by a majority of the members of the legislature
21 in joint session. Six [FOUR] members shall have [SERVE INITIAL] terms
22 expiring in 1972 and every four years thereafter. All other [OF TWO
23 YEARS, FOUR] members shall have [INITIAL] terms which shall expire
24 in groups of five each year [OF THREE YEARS, AND THREE MEMBERS INITIAL
25 TERMS OF FOUR YEARS]. Terms [INITIAL TERMS DATE FROM FEBRUARY 1
26 BEFORE APPOINTMENT. THEREAFTER, TERMS] of office are four years,
27 unless the appointment is for the remainder of an unexpired term.
28 With the approval of the governor and the members of the legislature
29 in joint session terms may be extended for one year each to allow

1 compliance with this section. Each member holds office at the
2 pleasure of the governor notwithstanding the member's term.

3 (2) Nongovernmental members may carry out their duties on
4 the council after appointment but before confirmation or rejection by
5 the legislature.

6 (3) Nongovernmental members receive no salary but are
7 entitled to per diem and travel expenses authorized by law for state
8 boards. Nongovernmental members may receive travel expenses and per
9 diem in connection with the exercise of their duties as council members
10 before their confirmation or rejection by the legislature.

11 (c) The council shall include three [FOUR] governmental members:
12 one from the Department of Health and Welfare; one from the Department
13 of Administration; and one from a health agency of a local government
14 unit [; AND THE COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH AND WELFARE]. The governmental
15 members [, OTHER THAN THE COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH AND WELFARE,] are
16 appointed by the governor. The commissioner of health and welfare
17 [SHALL ACT AS CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL,] and his department shall admin-
18 ister the comprehensive state health [SERVICE] plan.

19 (d) The governor shall appoint two advisors to the council; one
20 of whom shall be from the Department of Labor and one of whom shall be
21 from the Department of Education who shall represent education and
22 vocational rehabilitation.

23 (e) Additional members may be appointed under this section by
24 the governor in compliance with federal law. The terms of the
25 additional members shall be four years, but a fractional term of less
26 than four years may be granted where a full term would result in an
27 expiration date identical to that of an existing member. All future
28 terms shall be four years, or in case of conflict with federal law,
29 those terms [THAT] required by federal law.

1 * Sec. 2. AS 18.05.053 is amended to read:

2 Sec. 18.05.053. POWERS AND DUTIES. The Comprehensive Health
3 Advisory Council shall

4 (1) advise and consult with the department [COMMISSIONER
5 OF HEALTH AND WELFARE] regarding

6 (A) programs for the construction of health facilities
7 for the state and its political subdivisions;

8 (B) the development of rules, regulations, and
9 standards for the operation of health facilities;

10 (C) the development of a comprehensive state health
11 [SERVICE] plan, to be reviewed at least annually, and to be sub-
12 mitted to the Surgeon General of the United States for his
13 approval;

14 (D) the alternatives to the general assistance pro-
15 gram of the state for medical care, including possible funding
16 from other sources;

17 (2) request the cooperation of governmental and nongovern-
18 mental agencies in planning and developing a statewide comprehensive
19 health plan by reviewing agency planning, coordinating activities and
20 plans of areawide councils and other voluntary planning groups,
21 appointing advisory committees for specific health problems, and
22 evaluating previous planning efforts [PROGRAMS RELATING TO THE
23 REHABILITATION, EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT, HEALTH AND WELFARE OF PATIENTS
24 IN HEALTH FACILITIES];

25 (3) exercise the additional powers and perform the duties
26 which are necessary to comply with appropriate federal programs;

27 (4) assist in forming areawide comprehensive health planning
28 agencies and councils;

29 (5) review and comment upon applications for grants under

1 the Comprehensive Health Planning and Public Health Services Amend-
2 ments of 1966 (P.L. 89-749, Section 314(c), (d) and (e)).

3 * Sec. 3. AS 18.05 is amended by adding a new section to read:

4 Sec. 18.05.057. PLANNING AGENCY. The department is designated
5 the sole comprehensive state health planning agency for purposes of
6 the Comprehensive Health Planning and Public Health Services Amendments
7 of 1966 (P.L. 89-749).