

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY FRITZ

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 32

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to persons engaged in the healing
7 arts."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 08 is amended by adding a new chapter to read:

10 CHAPTER 2. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.

11 Sec. 08.02.010. PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATION REQUIREMENTS. (a) A
12 person licensed in the state as a chiropractor as defined in AS 08.20.
13 220, a dentist as defined in AS 08.36.360, a medical practitioner or
14 osteopath as defined in AS 08.64.380, a professional nurse as defined
15 in AS 08.68.410, an optometrist as defined in AS 08.72.300(3), a
16 registered pharmacist under AS 08.80, a registered physical therapist
17 under AS 08.84, or a psychologist under AS 08.86, shall professionally
18 identify himself by the use of appropriate letters or a title after his
19 name which represents his specific field of practice. The letters or
20 title shall appear on all signs, stationery, or other advertising in
21 which the person offers or displays his professional services to the
22 public. In addition, a person engaged in the practice of medicine or
23 osteopathy under AS 08.64.380(2), or a person engaged in any manner in
24 the healing arts who diagnoses, treats, tests, or counsels other per-
25 sons in relation to human health or disease and identifies himself by
26 using the letters "M.D." or the title "doctor" or "physician" or any
27 other title which tends to show that the person is willing or qualified
28 to diagnose, treat, test, or counsel another person, shall clarify the
29 letters or title by adding the appropriate specialist designation, if

1 any, such as "dermatologist", "radiologist", "audiologist",
2 "naturopath", or the like.

3 (b) A person subject to (a) of this section who fails to comply
4 with the requirements of (a) of this section shall be given notice of
5 his noncompliance by his appropriate licensing board. If, after a
6 reasonable time, with opportunity for a hearing, his noncompliance con-
7 tinues, the board may suspend or revoke his license or registration, or
8 administer other disciplinary action which in its determination is
9 appropriate.
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