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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 86

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 the administration of the practice
7 of professional nursing."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 08.68.010 is amended to read:

10 Sec. 08.68.010. CREATION AND MEMBERSHIP OF BOARD OF NURSING.

11 There is created a Board of Nursing, consisting of five members appointed
12 by the governor. One member shall be currently involved in institu-
13 tional nursing service, one member in community or public health
14 nursing and two members in basic or continuing nursing education [ONE
15 MEMBER SHALL BE FROM NORTHWESTERN ALASKA, ONE FROM CENTRAL ALASKA, ONE
16 FROM SOUTH CENTRAL ALASKA, ONE FROM SOUTHEASTERN ALASKA], and one at
17 large.

18 * Sec. 2. AS 08.68.111(b) is amended to read:

19 (b) The executive officer shall be a nurse having a bachelor's
20 degree or higher, currently licensed in the state and with not less
21 than five years of active nursing experience, of which not less than
22 two years within the preceding five years shall have been in an
23 administrative or a teaching capacity in an accredited institution
24 acceptable to the board. If a licensed professional nurse holding a
25 bachelor's degree is not available to fill the position of executive
26 officer, the board may waive the requirement for a bachelor's degree and
27 appoint a licensed professional nurse possessing other qualifications in
28 education and administrative experience which the board considers
29 acceptable. However, the appointee shall complete the requirements for

1 the award of a bachelor's degree in four years after appointment to the
2 position of executive officer. Annually, the appointee shall offer the
3 board evidence of satisfactory progress toward award of a bachelor's
4 degree. If after the annual review, the board believes that the
5 appointee has not made satisfactory progress toward award of a bachelor's
6 degree, the department may dismiss the appointee, notwithstanding the
7 provisions of AS 39.25.170.

8 * Sec. 3. AS 08.68.410(5) is amended to read:

9 (5) "practice of professional nursing" means the performance
10 for compensation of observation, care and counsel of the ill, injured,
11 or infirm, or the maintenance of health or prevention of illness of
12 others, the supervision and teaching of personnel; or the administration
13 of medications and treatments prescribed by a licensed physician or
14 dentist which require substantial specialized judgment and skill based
15 on knowledge and application of the principles of biological, physical,
16 and social science; but the foregoing do not include acts of medical
17 diagnosis, or the prescription of medical therapeutic or corrective
18 measures unless authorized by regulations promulgated jointly by the
19 State Medical Board and the Board of Nursing and as implemented by the
20 Board of Nursing;