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Referred: Health, Education &  
Social Services and Judiciary

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY FRITZ BY REQUEST

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 285

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3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act providing for a definition of medical and  
7 legal death."

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

9 \* Section 1. AS 09.70 is amended by adding a new section to read:

10 Sec. 09.70.015. DEFINITION OF DEATH. A person is considered  
11 medically and legally dead if, in the opinion of a medical doctor  
12 licensed or exempt from licensing under AS 08.64, based on ordinary  
13 standards of medical practice, there is no spontaneous respiratory  
14 or cardiac function and there is no expectation of recovery of spon-  
15 taneous respiratory or cardiac function or, in the case when respiratory  
16 and cardiac functions are maintained by artificial means, a person  
17 is considered medically and legally dead if, in the opinion of a  
18 medical doctor licensed or exempt from licensing under AS 08.64, based  
19 on ordinary standards of medical practice, there is no spontaneous  
20 brain function. Death may be pronounced in this circumstance before  
21 artificial means of maintaining respiratory and cardiac function are  
22 terminated.  
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