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BY THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE BY RE-
QUEST OF THE INTERIM COMMITTEE ON
HEALTH CARE, SOCIAL SERVICES AND
MENTAL HEALTH DELIVERY SYSTEMS

1 IN THE HOUSE

CS HOUSE BILL NO. 550

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3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to liability for and collection of
7 expenses of hospitalization of mental patients."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 47.30.270(a) is amended to read:

10 (a) A patient, or his legal representative acting in a representa-
11 tive capacity, spouse, parents, adult children, in that order, shall
12 pay or contribute to the payment of the charges for the care or treat-
13 ment of the patient when hospitalized under secs. 10 - 340 of this
14 chapter, in the manner and proportion which the department finds is
15 not detrimental to the patient's rehabilitation and which is within
16 their ability to pay. The charges may not exceed the actual cost of
17 the care or treatment as determined by the department. The order of
18 the department relating to the payment of charges by persons other than
19 the patient, or his legal representative, shall be prospective in
20 effect and shall relate only to charges to be incurred after the order,
21 except that if the responsible person intentionally conceals his
22 ability to pay, he shall be ordered to pay to the extent of his ability
23 the charges accruing during the period of the concealment. The order
24 shall remain in full force and effect unless modified by subsequent
25 court or department orders. The department may make necessary investi-
26 gations to determine the ability to pay, and may require sworn state-
27 ments of income by the responsible persons.

28 * Sec. 2. AS 47.30.270 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

29 (f) If an order of payment is entered by the department under

2 this section and delinquency in the payment of any amount due the state
3 under the order continues for a period of more than 30 days after the
4 notification of the legal representative or relative of the patient by
5 the department, the state may proceed to collect the amounts due by
6 appropriate proceedings. Actions to enforce the collection of payments
7 may only be brought within four years after the date a payment becomes
8 delinquent.
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