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1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 *CS* HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 11

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to health personnel at the
6 Pioneers' Homes.

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

8 WHEREAS the establishment of the Pioneers' Homes is an example of
9 civilized man's recognition of his responsibility for older people no
10 longer able to fend for themselves; and

11 WHEREAS, although the physical plants and the administration of the
12 Pioneers' Homes are excellent, there has been no recognition so far of the
13 need for implementing modern techniques of physical medicine, vocational
14 rehabilitation, and occupational therapy; and

15 WHEREAS the implementation of these services would greatly benefit the
16 residents of the Pioneers' Homes;

17 BE IT RESOLVED that the Governor is respectfully requested to direct
18 the Department of Health and Social Services to undertake a study of all
19 available federal and state funds which might be available for the hiring
20 of a physiatrist (M.D.), to investigate the availability and salary re-
21 quirements of these vocational specialists and occupational therapists both
22 on a full and part time basis; and be it

23 FURTHER RESOLVED that John B. Fenger, M.D., who practiced general
24 medicine in Alaska for 12 years and who is now a specialist in physiatry,
25 be retained by the Department of Health and Social Services to make a
26 survey of Pioneers' Homes and private institutions of a similar nature in
27 Alaska and promptly submit a report concerning his findings and recommenda-
28 tions, including the cost of his remaining a consultant regarding these
29 matters until a properly qualified physician residing in Alaska appears;

1 and be it

2 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health and Social Services
3 report its findings to the Eighth Legislature, Second Session, within
4 10 days after it convenes.

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