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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY FRITZ BY REQUEST

2 CS HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 43

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to emergency hospital

6 facilities in Alaska.

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

8 WHEREAS there is the ever present danger in Alaska of destructive
9 natural disasters occurring such as earthquakes, floods, tidal waves and
10 avalanches, plus others; and

11 WHEREAS even today there is a totally inadequate number of emergency
12 beds available in the event of a disaster and the potential problem will be
13 augmented with the great influx of persons expected during construction of
14 the trans-Alaska pipeline; and

15 WHEREAS when disasters occur many injured persons are not able to receive
16 prompt medical care because of the delay in getting the injured to emergency
17 quarters and this problem is always aggravated if in order to reach medical
18 facilities, highways and roads are crowded with the idle and the curious; and

19 WHEREAS air transportation capability is growing at a rapid pace in
20 Alaska and will further increase with construction of the proposed trans-
21 Alaska pipeline; and

22 WHEREAS emergency facilities located near airport terminals could be of
23 great convenience in times of disaster; and

24 WHEREAS the installation of unobtrusive shackles and fittings in hos-
25 pitals and public buildings such as armories, warehouses, hotels and the like
26 would permit the immediate conversion of such buildings into emergency
27 hospitals; and

28 WHEREAS additionally, portable stretchers could be obtained at a rela-
29 tively low cost and could be easily stored;

1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature that the Governor is respectfully
2 requested, after consultation with the appropriate local officials, to
3 propose legislation requiring the installation of shackles and mounts and
4 the storage of exchangeable stretchers in all of Alaska's hospitals and in
5 designated public buildings adjacent to existing airports and those to be
6 built throughout the state in quantities proportionate to the passenger
7 traffic utilizing a particular airport; and be it

8 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor is respectfully requested to present
9 such a plan, together with the implementing legislation to the Eighth Legis-
10 lature at the earliest possible time.

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