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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY FISCHER

2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 7

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to refresher courses and
6 relicensure of nurses.

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

8 WHEREAS the Alaska Board of Nursing is charged with the legal respon-
9 sibility of licensing only safe and competent practitioners; and

10 WHEREAS there are nurses wishing to obtain licensure and employment
11 who have not been licensed or employed for a period of five or more years;
12 and

13 WHEREAS the nursing services these nurses could provide, if their
14 knowledge and skills were updated, are needed in many areas of the state,
15 particularly the nonurban areas; and

16 WHEREAS it is recognized that it would work an unfair hardship on
17 many nurses to impose a requirement for mandatory refresher courses before
18 relicensure at this time because of the unavailability of these courses
19 throughout the state; and

20 WHEREAS the Alaska Board of Nursing has determined that within a
21 five-year period it would be highly desirable to be in a position to
22 fairly and reasonably require such nurses to take a refresher course
23 before relicensure; and

24 WHEREAS the Alaska Board of Nursing and the Consortium for Continued
25 Nursing Education have agreed to work cooperatively to obtain funding and
26 other necessary assistance to establish refresher programs in all geographic
27 areas of the state within the next five years, to the end that these programs,
28 being available to all nurses, may be required before relicensure of nurses
29 who have not been licensed or worked for five years;

1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that it supports the
2 Alaska Board of Nursing and the Consortium for Continued Nursing Education
3 in this effort.

4 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Alaska Board of Nursing
5 and the Consortium for Continued Nursing Education.
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