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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 35

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act requiring that the treatment of alcoholism
7 be included in group health and disability insurance
8 plans."

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

10 * Section 1. AS 21.54 is amended by adding a new section to read:

11 Sec. 21.54.035. REQUIRED PROVISION FOR TREATMENT OF ALCOHOLISM.

12 A group or blanket disability insurance policy issued under the author-
13 ity of this chapter that provides benefits for hospital expenses due
14 to an illness or injury shall include treatment of alcoholism as an
15 illness if the treatment is rendered in a licensed hospital or other
16 licensed treatment facility which provides for inpatient treatment of
17 alcoholism. "A licensed hospital or other licensed treatment facility"
18 means a comprehensive, intensive treatment care facility for alcoholics,
19 licensed by the state or, in the case of facilities outside the state,
20 a facility that meets the standards established for state licensing,
21 where treatment requires continuous inpatient care with specific thera-
22 peutic functions as may be established by regulations adopted by the
23 office of alcoholism within the Department of Health and Social
24 Services.

25 * Sec. 2. AS 21.87.340 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

26 (15) AS 21.54.035
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