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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to comprehensive health planning."

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

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\* Section 1. AS 18 is amended by adding a new chapter to read:

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CHAPTER 07. COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH PLANNING.

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Sec. 18.07.010. PURPOSE. (a) The objective of the Comprehensive

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Health Advisory Council is the health of the people of the state. By

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means of its recommendations, the council seeks to improve the planning

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for, and delivery of, health care services by:

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(1) moderating health care costs;

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(2) closing gaps in health care services;

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(3) preventing fragmentation and overlap in health care

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services;

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(4) encouraging the growth of preventive health care;

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(5) promoting better distribution and wiser use of resources;

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(6) establishing accountability for health care; and

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(7) ensuring that consumers of health care services have a

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voice in health planning and decision making.

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(b) The concerns of the council are unique in that they encompass

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all aspects of health and all factors that influence health.

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Sec. 18.07.020. COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL. There is

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created a Comprehensive Health Advisory Council whose membership re-

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fects the broad geographic, socio-economic, age, sex, ethnic, and

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professional health elements in the state. The composition of the

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council's membership and the term of office of its members shall comply

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1 with applicable provisions of federal law.

2 Sec. 18.07.030. MEMBERSHIP; TERM OF OFFICE. (a) The Comprehensive  
3 Health Advisory Council consists of 24 members of whom 3 are govern-  
4 mental and 21 are nongovernmental. Consumers of health care services  
5 shall constitute a minimum of 51 per cent of the total membership.

6 (b) The three governmental members are the commissioner of health  
7 and social services, or his designee from within the department; a  
8 representative of the Indian Health Service of the United States Public  
9 Health Service; and a representative of the Veterans Administration of  
10 the United States; and one representative of the health care service  
11 or delivery agencies of the armed forces of the United States to serve  
12 in an advisory capacity. Council members representing federal agencies  
13 shall be appointed by, and serve at the pleasure of, their respective  
14 agencies.

15 (c) Nongovernmental members are appointed by the governor, subject  
16 to confirmation by a majority of the members of the legislature in joint  
17 session. Of the nongovernmental members, 13 shall be consumers of  
18 health care services and 8 shall be providers of health care services.  
19 Unless federal law provides otherwise, nongovernmental members are  
20 appointed for four-year staggered terms. Of the initial appointees,  
21 the governor shall appoint six nongovernmental members for one-year  
22 terms, five for two-year terms, five for three-year terms, and five for  
23 four-year terms. Each nongovernmental member holds office at the  
24 pleasure of the governor notwithstanding the member's term.

25 (d) Vacancies shall be filled by the appointing authority in the  
26 same manner as original appointment.

27 Sec. 18.07.040. ADDITIONAL MEMBERS; SPECIAL COMMITTEES. (a)  
28 Additional members may be appointed by the governor in compliance with  
29 applicable provisions of federal law and sec. 30 of this chapter. The

1 terms of office of any additional members shall be four years, but a  
2 term of less than four years shall be assigned when appointment to a  
3 full four-year term would impair the system of staggered four-year  
4 terms under sec. 30(c) of this chapter.

5 (b) The council may create special committees or task forces  
6 outside its membership and may recommend persons who are not members  
7 of the council to serve as advisors or consultants to any committee  
8 created to carry out the purposes of the council.

9 Sec. 18.07.050. OFFICERS. The council shall elect a chairman  
10 and a vice-chairman to serve two-year terms. The chairmanship and  
11 vice-chairmanship shall rotate between a provider-member and a consumer-  
12 member every two years, and at no time may these positions be held  
13 simultaneously by two provider-members or two consumer-members.

14 Sec. 18.07.060. MEETINGS. The council shall meet at times and  
15 places determined by the chairman, but no less than twice a year. The  
16 council shall prescribe its own rules of procedure. However, a quorum  
17 is a majority of the members of the council. Effective action requires  
18 the affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the council pres-  
19 ent. No council member may, with respect to a matter before the  
20 council, vote for or on behalf of, or in any way exercise the vote of,  
21 another member of the council.

22 Sec. 18.07.070. COMPENSATION AND PER DIEM. Members of the  
23 council serve without compensation but are entitled to per diem and  
24 travel expenses as may be authorized by law for boards and commissions.

25 Sec. 18.07.080. FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES. The council shall

26 (1) consult with persons with various health viewpoints  
27 and advise the commissioner as to its duties under sec. 90 of this  
28 chapter, concerning

29 (A) health objectives, goals, priorities, and policy;

1 (B) distribution of health resources and health care  
2 services;

3 (C) health education;

4 (D) development and updating of a comprehensive state  
5 health plan;

6 (E) special needs of high risk population groups for  
7 preventive and health care services;

8 (F) health needs in the fields of welfare, education  
9 and rehabilitation;

10 (2) promote the cooperation of governmental and nongovern-  
11 mental agencies in realizing the objectives of a statewide comprehensive  
12 health plan by

13 (A) fostering coordinated planning efforts among these  
14 agencies;

15 (B) encouraging coordination of activities and plans  
16 of areawide comprehensive health planning councils and other  
17 voluntary health planning groups;

18 (C) creating committees and task forces for specific  
19 health problems; and

20 (D) evaluating its past recommendations, accomplish-  
21 ments and impact as a statewide advisory council;

22 (3) perform additional functions and duties that are neces-  
23 sary to comply with applicable state and federal health programs or  
24 other functions and duties requested by the department;

25 (4) promote development of areawide and state-assisted local  
26 comprehensive health planning groups;

27 (5) review and comment on, at the request of the department,  
28 applications for programming and for public funds;

29 (6) alert the department to health-related public concerns;

1 (7) serve as the Hill-Burton Advisory Council under Title  
2 VI, Public Health Service Act (P.L. 79-725, as amended) and the Com-  
3 munity Mental Health Centers Advisory Council under Title II, Community  
4 Mental Health Centers Construction Act (P.L. 88-164, as amended).

5 Sec. 18.07.090. PLANNING AGENCY. (a) The Department of Health  
6 and Social Services is the state agency responsible for the adminis-  
7 tration of state comprehensive health planning functions under sec.  
8 314(a) of the Public Health Service Act (P.L. 89-749, as amended).

9 (b) The office of comprehensive health planning in the department  
10 is responsible for carrying out the comprehensive health planning  
11 functions under (a) of this section. This office shall provide profes-  
12 sional staff for the council.

13 (c) The department shall promulgate regulations under the Adminis-  
14 trative Procedure Act (AS 44.62) governing the scope and functions of  
15 the office of comprehensive health planning.

16 Sec. 18.07.100. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter

17 (1) "commissioner" means the commissioner of health and  
18 social services;

19 (2) "consumer of health care services" means a person who is  
20 not a provider of health care services as defined in (6) of this  
21 section;

22 (3) "council" means the Comprehensive Health Advisory  
23 Council;

24 (4) "department" means the Department of Health and Social  
25 Services;

26 (5) "office" means the office of comprehensive health plan-  
27 ning in the Department of Health and Social Services;

28 (6) "provider of health care services" means a person whose  
29 occupation or profession is, or has been, the providing of health care

1 or the administration of health care services; he has fiduciary obliga-  
2 tions to a health activity, facility or other health agency, or a legal  
3 or financial interest in the rendering of any component of health  
4 services, research or teaching of health science or of the healing arts;  
5 he may be an active, inactive or retired practitioner in the healing  
6 arts.

7 \* Sec. 2. AS 18.05.051 - 18.05.055 are repealed.  
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