

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST
OF THE INTERIM COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
CARE, SOCIAL SERVICES AND MENTAL
HEALTH DELIVERY SYSTEMS

1 IN THE SENATE

2 SENATE BILL NO. 331

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to insurance coverage for the
7 treatment of alcoholism and mental illness under
8 group health and disability insurance 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 AND MENTAL ILLNESS. A group or blanket disability insurance policy
13 issued under the authority of this chapter that provides benefits for
14 hospital expenses due to an illness or injury shall include treatment
15 of alcoholism and mental illness. Insurance coverage for treatment
16 of alcoholism may be limited to treatment rendered in a licensed
17 hospital or other licensed treatment facility which provides for
18 inpatient treatment of alcoholism. "A licensed hospital or other
19 licensed treatment facility" means a comprehensive, intensive treat-
20 ment care facility for alcoholics, licensed by the state or, in the
21 case of facilities outside the state, a facility that meets the
22 standards established for state licensing, where treatment requires
23 continuous inpatient care with specific therapeutic functions as may
24 be established by regulations adopted by the office of alcoholism
25 within the Department of Health and Social Services.

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

27 (15) AS 21.54.035
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