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1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 43

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to medical-clinical laboratories,
6 blood banks, and personnel.

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

8 WHEREAS the State of Alaska has no licensing or certification program
9 covering all medical-clinical laboratories, blood banks, and personnel which
10 would provide and maintain minimum standards and qualifications necessary
11 for high quality health care and a continuing education program; and

12 WHEREAS the citizens of this state are entitled to receive the highest
13 level of competence, reliability and accuracy that may be expected from
14 medical-clinical laboratories and blood banks as well as assurance that
15 laboratory personnel are qualified to perform the vital duties assigned and
16 that laboratory personnel have kept abreast of developments through continu-
17 ing professional education; and

18 WHEREAS medical-clinical laboratories and blood banks provide supportive
19 services to the medical practitioner by furnishing him vital information
20 necessary for the diagnosis and treatment of his patient; and

21 WHEREAS the laboratory reports provide essential information to the
22 physician on the management of his patient and the health care of the com-
23 munity, and unreliable and inaccurate reports may cause unnecessary anxiety,
24 suffering, illness, death and great financial burdens; and

25 WHEREAS it is necessary that more information be acquired from those
26 closely connected with the medical-clinical and blood bank laboratory field
27 before attempting to legislate in this area;

28 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Governor is
29 respectfully requested to direct the Commissioner of the Department of

1 Health and Social Services to appoint a 10-member committee to assess the
2 need for medical-clinical laboratory and blood bank certification and
3 licensing and laboratory personnel certification and licensure; and be it

4 FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee submit a report with proposed legis-
5 lation to the legislature not later than the convening of the Ninth Legisla-
6 ture, Second Session, at which time the committee shall be discharged; and
7 be it

8 FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee consist of two medical practitioners
9 (one pathologist certified in clinical pathology), one supervisory medical
10 technologist, one hospital administrator, two medical technologists or
11 equivalent (one from a small laboratory with less than three technologists),
12 one medical technician or equivalent, one laboratory assistant or equivalent,
13 one educator in the allied health field, and one representative of the Depart-
14 ment of Health and Social Services (laboratory section); and be it

15 FURTHER RESOLVED that the department is to receive an appropriation not
16 to exceed \$30,000 for the operations of the committee.
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