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1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE BILL NO. 507 am

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act establishing risk management in hospitals; and
7 providing for an effective date."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 18.20 is amended by adding a new section to read:

10 Sec. 18.20.075. RISK MANAGEMENT. (a) To be eligible for a
11 license each hospital shall have in operation an internal risk manage-
12 ment program which shall

13 (1) investigate the frequency and causes of adverse incidents
14 in hospitals which cause injury to patients;

15 (2) develop and implement measures to minimize the risk of
16 injury to patients from adverse incidents; and

17 (3) analyze patient grievances which relate to patient care.

18 (b) The department shall adopt by regulation and submit to the
19 legislative administrative regulation review committee prior to
20 implementation, standards for risk management programs in hospitals in
21 the state which may vary according to the size of the hospital, the type
22 of care offered by the hospital, and other factors found relevant by the
23 department.

24 * Sec. 2. This Act takes effect July 1, 1976.

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