

Introduced: 2/3/77
Referred: Commerce and
Judiciary

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY BEIRNE

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 292

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to attorney fees in medical mal-
7 practice cases; and providing for an effective date."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 08.08 is amended by adding a new section to read:

10 Sec. 08.08.235. ATTORNEY FEES IN MALPRACTICE ACTIONS. An attorney
11 fee in a malpractice action shall be based on the actual number of
12 hours devoted to the case by the attorney, plus reasonable costs in-
13 curred by the attorney in handling the case. It is unlawful for an
14 attorney to charge a client a fee based on a percentage of an amount
15 recovered for the client in the case. An attorney who violates this
16 section is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction is punishable
17 by a fine of not more than \$1,000, or by imprisonment for not more than
18 one year, or by both.

19 * Sec. 2. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.10.-
20 070(c).

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