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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 *SCS CS* HOUSE BILL NO. 409 *(Jim.)*

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 catastrophic illness; and providing
7 for an effective date."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 47.25.255 is amended to read:

10 Sec. 47.25.255. CATASTROPHIC ILLNESS. Notwithstanding the provi-
11 sions of secs. 230 and 240 of this chapter, the department shall reim-
12 burse providers of medical care for costs incurred in the treatment of
13 persons suffering catastrophic illness. If (1) costs of a catastrophic
14 illness were paid by the person suffering the illness or by a parent,
15 spouse, child or other person related by blood to that person; (2) debt
16 was incurred to pay all or part of the cost; and (3) the debt has not
17 been fully repaid, the person paying the costs shall be reimbursed the
18 allowable cost to the extent of any payment made by that person. The
19 determination of allowable costs and levels of reimbursement shall be
20 made by the Catastrophic Illness Committee, consisting of a medical
21 review officer from the Department of Health and Social Services, a
22 member appointed by the governor who has suffered a catastrophic illness,
23 and a representative of the Department of Commerce and Economic Develop-
24 ment appointed by the governor.

25 * Sec. 2. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.10.-
26 070(c).