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Referred: Health, Education &
Social Services

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE COMMERCE COMMITTEE

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 978

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to regulations of quality of care pro-
7 vided in hospitals."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 18.20.060 is amended to read:

10 Sec. 18.20.060. REGULATIONS AND STANDARDS. The department shall
11 adopt, amend, and enforce [RULES,] regulations and standards for all
12 hospitals designed to further the accomplishment of the purposes of
13 secs. 10 - 130 of this chapter in promoting safe and adequate treatment
14 of individuals in hospitals in the interest of public health, safety and
15 welfare, including regulations regarding the availability and main-
16 tenance of lifesaving equipment and the proper administration of medi-
17 cine and food.

18 * Sec. 2. AS 18.20 is amended by adding a new section to read:

19 Sec. 18.20.065. MINIMUM HOSPITAL STAFFING REQUIREMENTS. Each hos-
20 pital is required to maintain at least one physician on duty at all
21 times and to have a physician examine each patient at least twice daily.
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