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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY GARDINER

2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 82

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to fundamental changes in the
6 personal injury liability insurance system.

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

8 WHEREAS there is a current crisis with respect to the availability and
9 cost of medical malpractice and other personal injury insurance coverages; and

10 WHEREAS this crisis reflects general trends for other types of insurance;
11 and

12 WHEREAS the increasing expense and unavailability of insurance coverage
13 is becoming a hardship for people of average or below average means and
14 incomes; and

15 WHEREAS the spiraling costs of insurance against personal injury, pro-
16 ducts liability, and malpractice liability suggest that fundamental changes
17 in the present bodily injury reparation system are needed; and

18 WHEREAS the nature and extent of bodily injury liability is defined by
19 the substantive law of tort in this state by the state's judicial system; and

20 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the governor is
21 respectfully requested to appoint a chairman and 20 other people who shall be
22 Alaskan residents and who shall represent the broadest spectrum of geographic
23 orientation, political viewpoint and professional interest in the subject,
24 including but not limited to attorneys, health care providers, legislators,
25 business and consumer interests, and insurance interests, to a Bodily Injury
26 Reparation Commission to meet and confer with the Legislative Council Interim
27 Committee on Insurance Availability; and be it

28 FURTHER RESOLVED that the purpose of the governor's Bodily Injury
29 Reparation Commission is to study the need and suggest the avenues available

1 for fundamental changes in the field of bodily injury reparation relating to
2 the following areas:

- 3 (1) legal principles of bodily injury reparation;
- 4 (2) legal procedures and expenses;
- 5 (3) the functioning of the personal injury liability insurance
6 system;
- 7 (4) the availability of insurance;
- 8 (5) alternate methods of bodily injury reparation; and be it

9 FURTHER RESOLVED that the governor's committee shall report its prelimin-
10 ary findings and recommendations to the legislature no later than January 23,
11 1978.

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