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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL
AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 974

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to state aid for hospitals; and pro-
7 viding for an effective date."

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

9 * Section 1. Notwithstanding AS 43.18.010(h)(2)(A), during the fiscal
10 year ending June 30, 1981, the Department of Community and Regional Affairs
11 shall make payments under AS 43.18.010(h)(2) to a municipality which has the
12 power to provide hospital facilities and services and which exercises the
13 power on the basis of \$1,000 per bed for each bed actually used for patient
14 care limited to the number of beds provided for in the construction design of
15 the hospital or \$200,000 a hospital for those hospitals with 10 or more beds,
16 or \$70,000 a hospital for those hospitals with less than 10 beds, as the
17 municipality may elect. Amounts received under this section may be used only
18 for hospitals and shall be apportioned among qualifying hospitals as the
19 municipality determines.

20 * Sec. 2. (a) The Department of Health and Social Services and the
21 Department of Community and Regional Affairs shall jointly examine and report
22 their recommendations on the extent to which the state should assist munici-
23 palities, nonprofit corporations, and others in the construction and opera-
24 tion of hospitals and health facilities.

25 (b) By February 1, 1981, the commissioner of health and social services
26 shall submit to the legislature a report, accompanied by draft legislation,
27 examining programs of state aid for hospital and health facility construction
28 and operation, including both public and private facilities, and recommending
29 a comprehensive health and hospital financial assistance program. The report

1 and accompanying legislation shall be based on health care and health facili-
2 ty need, expressed as a function of number of beds, occupancy rate of faci-
3 lities, kinds of care and levels of service provided or not provided, or any
4 other factors which the commissioner of health and social services reasonably
5 believes should be the basis by which state assistance for hospitals and
6 health facilities and their programs should be provided.

7 (c) The report and accompanying legislation presented under (b) of this
8 section shall

9 (1) include, if necessary, reference to certificates of need
10 legislation and any other current program of the federal or state government
11 which applies in determining whether hospitals and health care facilities
12 shall be constructed;

13 (2) recommend a permanent program of state assistance to munici-
14 palities for hospital care and health care services, whether provided by
15 public or private facilities, which improves the level of care for the people
16 of the state.

17 * Sec. 3. This Act takes effect July 1, 1980.

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