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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 330 (Finance) am

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to payment of the costs of services  
7 for pregnant women; and providing for an effective  
8 date."

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

10 \* Section 1. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND PURPOSE. The legislature finds  
11 that there are insufficient maternal and infant care services available to  
12 women experiencing social and economic difficulties associated with child-  
13 bearing. As a result of these inadequate services, some children may  
14 develop health conditions that require state-supported services throughout  
15 their lives. In order to promote healthier generations of Alaskans, the  
16 legislature wishes to invest in the state's future by providing prenatal  
17 care and social services to pregnant women.

18 \* Sec. 2. AS 47.07.020(b) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

19 (8) women who are medically confirmed to be pregnant.

20 \* Sec. 3. AS 47 is amended by adding a new chapter to read:

21 CHAPTER 42. PURCHASE OF SERVICES FOR PREGNANT WOMEN.

22 Sec. 47.42.010. PURCHASE OF SERVICES FOR PREGNANT WOMEN. The  
23 Department of Health and Social Services shall pay the cost of prenatal  
24 services other than medical services for a pregnant woman experiencing  
25 social and economic difficulties, including the costs of birthing  
26 centers, midwife services, and transportation to and from a maternity  
27 home or a foster home, counseling, adoption assistance, maternity home  
28 and foster home care, postnatal care, and parenting skills.

29 Sec. 47.42.020. LICENSING AND SUPERVISION. (a) A person provid-

1 ing services purchased by the Department of Health and Social Services  
2 under this chapter shall be licensed and supervised in the same manner  
3 as foster homes, boarding homes, maternity homes, and other agencies  
4 and institutions under AS 47.35.010 - 47.35.100.

5 (b) Nothing in this section requires the licensing of midwife and  
6 transportation services provided to a pregnant woman under this  
7 chapter.

8 \* Sec. 4. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.10.-  
9 070(c).

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