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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

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SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 844 (HESS)

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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A BILL

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For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the financing of health facility
7 improvements and maintenance."

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

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* Section 1. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE. The legislature finds and declares
10 that health facilities constitute an integral part of the health services of
11 the state. The purpose of this Act is to assist health facilities in securing
12 the capital necessary to improve and maintain their physical plants so that
13 they can continue to provide quality health care.

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* Sec. 2. AS 18.25 is amended by adding new sections to read:

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ARTICLE 5. FINANCING OF HEALTH FACILITY

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IMPROVEMENTS AND MAINTENANCE.

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Sec. 18.25.130. HEALTH FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS AND MAINTENANCE FUND.

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There is created a health facility improvements and maintenance fund in
19 the Department of Health and Social Services. Money appropriated to the
20 fund shall be used for grants and loans to health facilities in accor-
21 dance with AS 18.25.140.

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Sec. 18.25.140. GRANTS AND LOANS TO HEALTH FACILITIES FOR IMPROVE-
23 MENTS AND MAINTENANCE. (a) By November 1 of each year the Statewide

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Health Coordinating Council (AS 18.07.011) shall recommend priorities
25 for making grants and loans from the health facility improvements and
26 maintenance fund. The recommendations shall be transmitted to the
27 commissioner of health and social services, the governor, and the legis-
28 lature.

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(b) The Department of Health and Social Services shall provide the

1 Statewide Health Coordinating Council with an inventory of health facili-
2 ties, population served, services rendered, and other appropriate infor-
3 mation that would be helpful to the council in recommending priorities
4 for making grants and loans. The Department of Health and Social Ser-
5 vices shall update the inventory provided to the Statewide Health Coor-
6 dinating Council as necessary.

7 (c) In developing recommendations for making grants and loans
8 under this section, the Statewide Health Coordinating Council shall
9 consider

10 (1) the condition of the existing physical plant of a health
11 facility;

12 (2) the ability of the health facility to continue to provide
13 quality health services;

14 (3) the need in the community for additional services;

15 (4) the availability of quality health services in an adjacent
16 community;

17 (5) the financial ability of the community to contribute to
18 the cost of the project;

19 (6) the capacity of federal and state facilities to provide
20 the health service needs of a community, the existence of cooperative
21 agreements between federal and state facilities to provide the health
22 service needs of a community, and foreseeable changes in the delivery of
23 those services within a three-year period from the date of the council's
24 recommendations under this section;

25 (7) the ability of the health facility to meet current licen-
26 sure standards; and

27 (8) other related data that would assist the council in
28 establishing grant and loan priorities.

29 (d) The commissioner of health and social services shall review

1 the recommendations of the Statewide Health Coordinating Council and
2 shall provide the governor with a prioritized list of health facilities
3 in need of assistance from the fund established under AS 18.25.130 for
4 physical plant improvements and maintenance. The commissioner may not
5 make recommendations in an order other than that proposed by the council
6 unless the commissioner

7 (1) makes written findings of fact to justify the modifica-
8 tion of the priorities recommended by the council;

9 (2) provides the council with a copy of the written findings;
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11 (3) allows the council a reasonable length of time to respond
12 to the written findings.

13 Sec. 18.25.150. APPROPRIATION GUIDELINES. (a) Proposed appropri-
14 ations for the health facility improvements and maintenance fund in the
15 governor's annual budget submitted under AS 37.07 shall include

16 (1) an itemized listing of projects proposed to be financed,
17 divided into three categories:

18 (A) inpatient health facilities with more than 100 beds;

19 (B) inpatient health facilities with 100 or less beds;

20 (C) other health facilities;

21 (2) the amount proposed to be granted or loaned to each
22 facility from the fund; and

23 (3) the estimated cost of each proposed project.

24 (b) Proposed appropriations under this section may not include
25 financing for health facilities operated or wholly supported by the
26 federal government.

27 Sec. 18.25.160. APPLICATION FOR IMPROVEMENTS AND MAINTENANCE
28 PROJECTS. The state, a political subdivision of the state, or a public
29 or other nonprofit agency may apply to the Department of Health and

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Social Services for money for a health facility improvement and maintenance project. The application shall conform to federal and state requirements.

* Sec. 3. AS 18.25.120 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

(2) "health facility"

(A) means a facility that is owned or operated by a municipality or by a nonprofit corporation or other nonprofit sponsor and, if required, is licensed under AS 18.20.010 - 18.20.130;

(B) includes a public health center, maternity home, community mental health center, or rural health clinic.