

Introduced: 2/16/82
Referred: Labor & Commerce and
Finance

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY BROWN BY REQUEST

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 883

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to workers' compensation medical bene-
7 fits."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 23.30.095(a) is amended to read:

10 (a) The employer shall furnish medical, surgical, and other atten-
11 dance or treatment, nurse and hospital service, medicine, crutches, and
12 apparatus for the period which the nature of the injury or the process
13 of recovery requires [, NOT EXCEEDING TWO YEARS FROM AND AFTER THE DATE
14 OF INJURY TO THE EMPLOYEE. HOWEVER, IF THE CONDITION REQUIRING THE
15 TREATMENT, APPARATUS, OR MEDICINE IS A LATENT ONE, THE TWO-YEAR PERIOD
16 RUNS FROM THE TIME THE EMPLOYEE HAS KNOWLEDGE OF THE NATURE OF HIS DIS-
17 ABILITY AND ITS RELATIONSHIP TO HIS EMPLOYMENT AND AFTER-DISABLEMENT.
18 IT SHALL BE ADDITIONALLY PROVIDED THAT, IF CONTINUED TREATMENT OR CARE
19 OR BOTH BEYOND THE TWO-YEAR PERIOD IS INDICATED, THE INJURED EMPLOYEE
20 HAS THE RIGHT OF REVIEW BY THE BOARD. THE BOARD MAY AUTHORIZE CONTINUED
21 TREATMENT OR CARE OR BOTH AS THE PROCESS OF RECOVERY MAY REQUIRE]. When
22 medical care is required, the injured employee may designate a licensed
23 physician inside the state to render the care except in cases where, in
24 the judgment of the board, care or treatment or both can best be adminis-
25 tered by the selection of another physician. Upon procuring the ser-
26 vices of a physician, the injured employee shall give proper notification
27 of his selection to the employer within a reasonable time after first
28 being treated. If for any reason during the period when medical care is
29 required the employee wishes to change to another physician, he may do

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so in accordance with rules prescribed by the board.