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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE HEALTH, EDUCATION
AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

2 SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 39 (HESS)

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to services for pregnant women."

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

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

16 * Sec. 2. AS 47 is amended by adding a new chapter to read:

17 CHAPTER 42. PURCHASE OF SERVICES FOR PREGNANT WOMEN.

18 Sec. 47.42.010. PURCHASE OF SERVICES FOR PREGNANT WOMEN. The
19 Department of Health and Social Services shall pay the cost of pre-
20 natal services other than medical services for a pregnant woman ex-
21 perencing social and economic difficulties, including the costs of
22 transportation to and from a maternity home or a foster home, counsel-
23 ing, adoption assistance, maternity home and foster home care, and
24 parenting skills.

25 Sec. 47.42.020. LICENSING AND SUPERVISION. A person providing
26 services purchased by the Department of Health and Social Services
27 under this chapter shall, if required to be licensed under AS 47.35,
28 be licensed and supervised in the same manner as foster homes, board-
29 ing homes, maternity homes, and other agencies and institutions under

1 AS 47.35.

2 Sec. 47.42.030. REGULATIONS. The Department of Health and
3 Social Services shall adopt regulations to implement this chapter.