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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

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SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 39 (Finance)

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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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 within appropria-  
20 tion the cost of prenatal services which are not available from an  
21 existing state or federal program other than medical services for a  
22 pregnant woman experiencing social and economic difficulties, includ-  
23 ing the costs of transportation to and from a maternity home or a  
24 foster home, counseling, adoption assistance, maternity home and  
25 foster home care, and parenting skills.

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

1 boarding homes, maternity homes, and other agencies and institutions  
2 under AS 47.35.

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