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HOUSE BILL NO. 112

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the maintenance and improvement  
7 of health facilities."

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

9 \* Section 1. AS 18.25.120 is repealed and reenacted to read:

10 Section 18.25.120. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter, unless speci-  
11 fied otherwise,

12 (1) "commissioner" means the commissioner of health and  
13 social services;

14 (2) "committee" means the Medical Care Advisory Committee  
15 established in accordance with federal regulations adopted under sec.  
16 121, P.L. 89-97;

17 (3) "department" means the Department of Health and Social  
18 Services;

19 (4) "fund" means the health facility maintenance and im-  
20 provement fund;

21 (5) "health facility" means a hospital, convalescent home,  
22 nursing home, maternity home, public health center, rural health  
23 clinic, community mental health center or facility for the mentally  
24 retarded that is owned and operated by a municipality or by a  
25 nonprofit corporation incorporated under AS 10.20 and that complies  
26 with the requirements of AS 18.20.010 - 18.20.130, where applicable;  
27 but "health facility" does not include a facility owned or operated by  
28 the state or the federal government;

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

1           ARTICLE 5. FINANCING OF MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS  
2                           FOR HEALTH FACILITIES.

3           Sec. 18.25.150. HEALTH FACILITY MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT  
4 FUND. The health facility maintenance and improvement fund is created  
5 in the department. The commissioner shall administer the fund. Money  
6 appropriated to the fund shall be used to award grants for the mainte-  
7 nance or improvement of health facilities.

8           Sec. 18.25.155. GRANTS FOR MAINTENANCE OR IMPROVEMENT OF HEALTH  
9 FACILITIES. (a) By November 1 of each year, the committee shall  
10 submit to the commissioner, the governor, and the legislature a list  
11 of projects for maintenance or improvement of health facilities in the  
12 state. The committee shall rank the projects in the order in which  
13 the committee determines grants for the projects should be awarded  
14 from the fund.

15           (b) In developing a list of projects under (a) of this section,  
16 the committee shall consider

17                   (1) the condition of the existing physical plant of a  
18 health facility;

19                   (2) the ability of a health facility to provide and to  
20 continue to provide health services;

21                   (3) the need for additional health services in the communi-  
22 ty served by a health facility;

23                   (4) the availability of health services in a community  
24 adjacent to the community served by a health facility;

25                   (5) the ability of the community to contribute to the cost  
26 of the project;

27                   (6) the ability of federal and state facilities to provide  
28 the health services needed by the community served by a health facili-  
29 ty;

1           (7) the existence of cooperative agreements between federal  
2 and state facilities to provide the health services needed by the  
3 community served by a health facility;

4           (8) the foreseeable changes in agreements in (7) of this  
5 subsection during the three-year period following the date by which a  
6 list of projects is required to be submitted under (a) of this sec-  
7 tion; and

8           (9) the ability of a health facility to meet current state  
9 licensure requirements.

10           (c) The department shall assist the committee in developing a  
11 list of projects under this section by providing information requested  
12 by the committee, including a list of all health facilities in the  
13 state and a description of the population served and services rendered  
14 by each health facility.

15           (d) By December 1 of each year, the commissioner shall review  
16 the list of projects submitted by the committee under (a) of this  
17 section, and shall submit the reviewed list to the governor. If the  
18 commissioner amends the list of projects the commissioner shall pro-  
19 vide promptly to the committee a written statement of reasons for the  
20 amendment.

21           Sec. 18.25.160. APPROPRIATION GUIDELINES. Proposed appropria-  
22 tions to the fund included in the governor's budget submitted to the  
23 legislature under AS 37.07 shall specify

24           (1) the estimated cost of each maintenance and improvement  
25 project for which money is to be appropriated; and

26           (2) the amount proposed to be granted for each project from  
27 the fund.