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1 IN THE HOUSE

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HOUSE BILL NO. 291

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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 providing for tuberculosis examinations and  
7 quarantines."

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

9 \* Section 1. AS 18.15 is amended by adding new sections to read:

10 Sec. 18.15.135. TUBERCULOSIS EXAMINATIONS. (a) A person shall  
11 submit to an examination to detect an active case of pulmonary tuber-  
12 culosis whenever, in the opinion of a medical officer of the division  
13 of public health, an examination is necessary to preserve and protect  
14 public health.

15 (b) An examination under this section shall be by written order  
16 and shall specify the name of the person to be examined and the time  
17 and place of the examination. The person to be examined shall be  
18 personally served with a copy of the order within a reasonable period  
19 of time before the examination is to take place.

20 (c) An examination under this section shall be performed by a  
21 physician licensed in the state. The person to be examined may, under  
22 conditions specified by the medical officer, choose the physician who  
23 will perform the examination.

24 Sec. 18.15.136. QUARANTINES. (a) A medical officer of the  
25 division of public health may order the quarantine of a person with an  
26 active case of pulmonary tuberculosis for a period not to exceed six  
27 months when necessary to preserve and protect public health.

28 (b) A quarantine shall be imposed by written order and shall  
29 specify the name of the person to be quarantined and the dates and

1 conditions of the quarantine. The person named in a quarantine order  
2 shall be personally served with a copy of the order. A person subject  
3 to a quarantine shall be examined by a physician licensed in the state  
4 on the expiration date specified in the order, and at other reasonable  
5 times at the request of the person or on the order of a medical  
6 officer of the division of public health. A quarantine expires on the  
7 date specified in the quarantine order, or sooner if a medical officer  
8 of the division of public health determines that the person subject to  
9 the quarantine no longer presents a danger of communicating  
10 tuberculosis.

11 Sec. 18.15.137. REPORTING OF VIOLATIONS. A medical officer of  
12 the division of public health shall promptly report to the nearest law  
13 enforcement agency a violation of an order issued under AS 18.15.135 -  
14 18.15.136 of which the officer is aware.

15 Sec. 18.15.138. PENALTY. A person who violates the terms of an  
16 order issued under AS 18.15.135 - 18.15.136 is guilty of a class A  
17 misdemeanor, and upon conviction is subject to imprisonment for a  
18 period of not more than one year or a fine of not more than \$5,000, or  
19 both.