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Referred: Health, Education & Social Services and Judiciary

1 IN THE HOUSE BY FRITZ BY REQUEST

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 352

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 the definition of death; and
7 providing for an effective date."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 09.65.120 is repealed and reenacted to read:

10 Sec. 09.65.120. DEFINITION OF DEATH. A person is considered
11 medically and legally dead if, in the opinion of a physician licensed
12 or exempt from licensing under AS 08.64, based on ordinary standards
13 of medical practice, the person has sustained irreversible cessation
14 of circulatory and respiratory functions, or irreversible cessation of
15 all functions of the entire brain, including the brain stem. Death
16 may be pronounced in this circumstance before artificial means of
17 maintaining respiratory and cardiac function are terminated.

18 * Sec. 2. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.-
19 10.070(c).