

Offered: 4/25/83
Referred: Judiciary

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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

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CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 352 (HESS)

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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 definition of death; and

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providing for an effective date."

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

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 AS 09.65.120 is repealed and reenacted to read:

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Sec. 09.65.120. DEFINITION OF DEATH. An individual is con-

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sidered dead if, in the opinion of a physician licensed or exempt from

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licensing under AS 08.64, based on acceptable medical standards the

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individual has sustained irreversible cessation of circulatory and

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respiratory functions, or irreversible cessation of all functions of

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the entire brain, including the brain stem. Death may be pronounced

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in this circumstance before artificial means of maintaining respira-

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tory and cardiac function are terminated.

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* Sec. 2. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.-

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10.070(c).