

1 IN THE HOUSE

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HOUSE BILL NO. 355

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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 health resources development; and
7 providing for an effective date."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 18.07 is amended by adding new sections to read:

10 ARTICLE 3. REGIONAL HEALTH RESOURCES ORGANIZATIONS.

11 Sec. 18.07.112. HEALTH SERVICE AREAS. The commissioner shall
12 designate three or more health service areas in the state. The bound-
13 aries of each health service area shall be coextensive with the bound-
14 aries of one or more adjacent organized boroughs or regional educa-
15 tional attendance areas. In designating health service areas, the
16 commissioner shall assure that each area forms a contiguous and com-
17 pact territory containing as nearly as practicable a relatively inte-
18 grated socio-economic area.

19 Sec. 18.07.114. REGIONAL HEALTH RESOURCES ORGANIZATIONS. (a)
20 The commissioner shall by contract designate a regional health re-
21 sources organization for each health service area.

22 (b) An applicant for designation as a regional health resources
23 organization shall apply on a form prescribed by the commissioner. An
24 application shall include

25 (1) a plan for the orderly assumption and implementation of
26 the duties of a regional health resources organization;

27 (2) assurances satisfactory to the commissioner that the
28 applicant meets the eligibility requirements of AS 18.07.116 and is
29 qualified to perform or is performing the duties prescribed in

1 AS 18.07.120; and

2 (3) a plan specifying how the applicant will select board
3 members.

4 (c) A contract under this section shall be for a period of four
5 years and is renewable. A contract may be terminated before its
6 expiration date

7 (1) by the regional health resources organization at a time
8 and with notice to the commissioner as the commissioner may by regula-
9 tion prescribe; or

10 (2) by the commissioner at a time and with notice to the
11 regional health resources organization as the commissioner may by
12 regulation prescribe, if the commissioner determines that the entity
13 is not complying with or effectively carrying out the provisions of
14 the contract.

15 Sec. 18.07.116. ELIGIBILITY FOR DESIGNATION. The commissioner
16 may designate as a regional health resources organization

17 (1) a nonprofit corporation incorporated under AS 10.20 for
18 the purpose of engaging in health planning and development functions;
19 or

20 (2) a unified borough government with the capacity to
21 perform health planning functions and whose planning area is identical
22 to a health service area.

23 Sec. 18.07.118. BOARD OF DIRECTORS. (a) Each regional health
24 resources organization shall be governed by a board of directors.

25 (b) A board shall include

26 (1) a representative from each regional nonprofit Native
27 corporation established under 43 U.S.C. 1601 - 1628 (Alaska Native
28 Claims Settlement Act) and located in the health service area; and

29 (2) members broadly and equitably representative of health

1 care consumers and providers in the organization's health service
2 area.

3 Sec. 18.07.120. DUTIES. (a) A regional health resources orga-
4 nization shall, within the boundaries of its health service area,

5 (1) assist communities in identifying and developing plans
6 for dealing with health problems of residents;

7 (2) provide direct technical assistance to communities for
8 implementing plans developed under (1) of this section;

9 (3) assist in the development and maintenance of public
10 information and advocacy programs for the promotion of health and the
11 prevention of disease and illness;

12 (4) assemble and analyze data relating to health matters
13 and coordinate data collection activities with state and local agen-
14 cies, regional Alaska Native corporations, and health organizations.

15 (b) A regional health resources organization shall

16 (1) in cooperation with the commissioner, review and pro-
17 vide comments and recommendations on applications and proposals made
18 to the department for

19 (A) grants of health service funds that could have a
20 significant affect on a health service area; and

21 (B) grants for construction and expansion of health
22 care facilities and nursing homes in the organization's health
23 service area;

24 (2) submit an annual report on its activities to the legis-
25 lature, the commissioner, and the residents of its health service
26 area;

27 (3) perform other duties the commissioner may by contract
28 require.

29 Sec. 18.07.122. GRANTS. (a) The commissioner shall make a

1 grant in each fiscal year to each regional health resources organiza-
2 tion. A grant under this subsection shall

3 (1) be made on the conditions the commissioner determines
4 are appropriate; and

5 (2) be available for obligation for a period not to exceed
6 the period for which the grantee is designated as a regional health
7 resources organization.

8 (b) A grant under this section may be used by a regional health
9 resources organization only

10 (1) for compensation of its personnel and the performance
11 of its duties;

12 (2) to make payments under contracts with other persons to
13 assist the regional health resources organization in the performance
14 of its functions; and

15 (3) to make grants to public and nonprofit private entities
16 and enter into contracts with individuals and public and nonprofit
17 private entities to assist them in planning and developing public
18 information and advocacy projects and programs that the regional
19 health resources organization determines are necessary for the pro-
20 motion of health and prevention of disease and illness in its health
21 service area.

22 * Sec. 2. This Act takes effect July 1, 1983.