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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 6

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Relating to the funding of the Emergency

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Medical Services System.

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

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WHEREAS the purpose of the National Emergency Medical Services System Act of 1973 is to promote a standard to assist states and local communities to upgrade their pre-hospital emergency medical services; and

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WHEREAS the State of Alaska has more than 1,600 volunteer emergency medical technicians working in more than 75 volunteer ambulance services; and

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WHEREAS the provision of emergency medical service pre-hospital care systems is a responsibility of local government, the legislature and the administration; and

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WHEREAS the quality of service rendered to a victim of an emergency should be standardized throughout the communities of Alaska; and

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WHEREAS the planning process for ambulance service operation, ambulance service manpower certification, and technical assistance to ambulance services and communities is in place and functioning; and

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WHEREAS the governor is responsible for the faithful execution of the laws; and

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WHEREAS AS 18.08 authorizes the adoption of regulations relating to certification and recertification of emergency medical technicians, emergency medical technician instructors and ambulances; and

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WHEREAS the legislature is responsible for the promotion and protection of public health and welfare; and

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WHEREAS the state Office of Emergency Medical Services, Division of

1 Public Health, Department of Health and Social Services is responsible for  
2 the implementation of AS 18.08 to protect the public health and welfare;  
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4 WHEREAS the current methods of financial distribution for the Emer-  
5 gency Medical Services System prohibit compliance with this law;

6 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska House of Representatives respectfully  
7 requests that the governor include in his annual budget for fiscal year  
8 1984, and each year thereafter, a permanent funding strategy for the Emer-  
9 gency Medical Services System in the state.