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1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 6

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the funding of the Emergency
6 Medical Services System.

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

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

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

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

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

19 WHEREAS the planning process for ambulance service operation, ambu-
20 lance service manpower certification, and technical assistance to ambulance
21 services and communities is in place and functioning; and

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

24 WHEREAS AS 18.08 authorizes the adoption of regulations relating to
25 certification and recertification of emergency medical technicians, emer-
26 gency medical technician instructors and ambulances; and

27 WHEREAS the legislature is responsible for the promotion and protec-
28 tion of public health and welfare; and

29 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;
3 and

4 WHEREAS the current methods of financial distribution for the Emer-
5 gency Medical Services System prohibit compliance with this law; and

6 WHEREAS the Emergency Medical Services System is dependent on several
7 funding sources;

8 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska House of Representatives respectfully
9 requests that the governor include in the annual budget a permanent single-
10 source funding strategy for the Emergency Medical Services System in the
11 state.