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Referred: Health, Education and
Social Services and
Labor and Commerce

1 IN THE SENATE

BY JOSEPHSON BY REQUEST

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SENATE BILL NO. 177

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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 providing for freedom to choose providers
7 under medical, hospital or health insurance policies;
8 and providing for an effective date."

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

10 * Section 1. AS 21.42 is amended by adding a new section to read:

11 Sec. 21.42.342. REQUIRED PROVISION FOR FREEDOM OF CHOICE OF
12 PROVIDERS. An individual or group medical, hospital or health insur-
13 ance policy that provides coverage on an expense incurred basis, and
14 an individual or group service or indemnity type contract issued by a
15 nonprofit corporation shall permit a covered individual to have free-
16 dom of choice in selecting a provider of a service that is included
17 under the coverage of the policy. In this section "provider" means a
18 physician, dentist, osteopath, optometrist, chiropractor, nurse
19 midwife, clinic, hospital or other licensed health care facility or
20 health care practitioner.

21 * Sec. 2. This Act takes effect January 1, 1984.