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3 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 424 (HESS)
4 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
5 FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION
6 A BILL
7 For an Act entitled: "An Act establishing the Board of Behavioral Science;
8 regulating marital and family therapists; amending
9 Rule 504 of the Alaska Rules of Evidence; and provid-
10 ing for an effective date."
11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:
12 * Section 1. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS, PURPOSE. (a) The legislature finds
13 that the practice of the marital and family therapy profession affects the
14 safety and welfare of the public and requires regulation and control by the
15 state in the public interest.
16 (b) The purpose of this Act is to establish a regulatory board and
17 procedures to ensure that the public is protected from the unprofessional,
18 improper, and unauthorized practice of the marital and family therapy
19 profession. This Act shall be liberally construed to carry out this
20 purpose.
21 * Sec. 2. AS 08 is amended by adding a new chapter to read:
22 CHAPTER 15. BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE PROFESSIONALS.
23 ARTICLE 1. BOARD OF BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE.
24 Sec. 08.15.010. BOARD ESTABLISHED. There is established a Board
25 of Behavioral Science.
26 Sec. 08.15.020. MEMBERSHIP. (a) The board consists of two
27 persons from the behavioral science profession regulated by the board
28 and one member of the public.
29 (b) Each professional member must
(1) be licensed in the behavioral science profession

1 corresponding to the board position to which the person is being
2 appointed;

3 (2) for the four years immediately preceding appointment,
4 have been engaged in the active practice of the behavioral science
5 profession corresponding to the board position to which the person is
6 being appointed.

7 Sec. 08.15.030. BOARD APPOINTMENTS. (a) The governor shall
8 appoint the members of the board subject to confirmation by the legis-
9 lature for staggered terms of three years.

10 (b) The governor may not appoint the same person more than once
11 to fill an unexpired term on the board. A person may not serve as a
12 member of the board for more than two consecutive terms.

13 Sec. 08.15.035. REMOVAL OF BOARD MEMBERS. The governor may
14 remove a member of the board for good cause, including:

- 15 (1) neglect of duty;
16 (2) incompetence;
17 (3) prolonged illness that impairs the execution of board
18 duties;
19 (4) unprofessional conduct;
20 (5) conviction of a felony;
21 (6) judgment impaired by the use of alcohol or another
22 drug;
23 (7) unexcused absences from board meetings;
24 (8) conviction of a crime involving moral turpitude;
25 (9) an emotional disturbance that prevents the member from
26 carrying out board duties;
27 (10) addiction or dependence on alcohol or another drug.

28 Sec. 08.15.040. MEETINGS. (a) In addition to the meeting
29 required by AS 08.01.070(3), the board may hold additional meetings at

1 the call of the chairperson or a majority of the board members.

2 (b) The board may hold by teleconference the additional meetings
3 allowed under (a) of this section.

4 Sec. 08.15.050. POWERS OF THE BOARD. The board may

5 (1) examine applicants and issue licenses to qualified
6 applicants;

7 (2) place specialty designations on the licenses of appli-
8 cants who meet the standards determined by the board for specialty
9 designation;

10 (3) establish continuing education requirements for license
11 renewal, after consulting with the standards committee for the behav-
12 ioral science profession for which the continuing education require-
13 ments are established;

14 (4) hold hearings, and order the disciplinary sanction of a
15 person who violates this chapter or a regulation of the board;

16 (5) report annually to the governor and the department on
17 the board's proceedings;

18 (6) perform the administrative duties required by AS 08.-
19 01.070;

20 (7) establish standards for supervisors and supervision;

21 (8) adopt by regulation a code of ethics for each behav-
22 ioral science profession regulated by the board;

23 (9) enforce the provisions of this chapter and adopt regu-
24 lations necessary to implement this chapter.

25 Sec. 08.15.060. STANDARDS COMMITTEES. (a) The board shall ap-
26 point a standards committee for each behavioral science profession
27 that it regulates, comprised of one board member from the behavioral
28 science profession and the public member of the board.

29 (b) Each standards committee may advise the board about the

1 licensing and regulation of the behavioral science profession that is
2 the subject of that standards committee and may make recommendations
3 to the board on the following items for the profession:

- 4 (1) the granting of licenses;
- 5 (2) the examination for licensure;
- 6 (3) the grading of examinations;
- 7 (4) regulation changes;
- 8 (5) initiation of investigations or disciplinary proceed-
9 ings;
- 10 (6) penalties for violations of this chapter;
- 11 (7) licensure guidelines or criteria for licensure;
- 12 (8) supervision requirements; and
- 13 (9) continuing education requirements for license renewal.

14 (c) Each standards committee may act as a liaison between the
15 board and educational institutions and perform other functions that
16 the board requests.

17 (d) A recommendation of a standards committee is not final until
18 the board approves the recommendation.

19 (e) A decision of the board relating to a behavioral science
20 profession regulated by the board is not effective unless it is ap-
21 proved by the members of the standards committee for the behavioral
22 science profession.

23 Sec. 08.15.070. PROCEDURES. The Administrative Procedure Act
24 (AS 44.62) applies to regulations and to board proceedings, but only
25 AS 44.62.310 - 44.62.312 apply to standards committee proceedings.

26 ARTICLE 2. MARITAL AND FAMILY THERAPISTS.

27 Sec. 08.15.110. QUALIFICATIONS FOR EXAMINATION. (a) An appli-
28 cant for the marital and family therapist examination shall furnish
29 evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant

1 (1) has a master's degree or doctorate from an accredited
2 educational institution approved by the board, or the person has
3 completed a course of study that meets the requirements of the Ameri-
4 can Association for Marriage and Family Therapy;

5 (2) after satisfying (1) of this subsection, has

6 (A) practiced marital and family therapy within the
7 three years immediately preceding the application for the number
8 of hours of direct clinical contact required by the American
9 Association for Marriage and Family Therapy; and

10 (B) received in the clinical contact required by (A)
11 of this paragraph under supervisors approved by the board the
12 individual and group supervision required by the American Asso-
13 ciation for Marriage and Family Therapy.

14 (b) The board may not allow an applicant who fails an examina-
15 tion given under this section to take a subsequent examination for a
16 period of six months from the date of the examination that the appli-
17 cant failed.

18 Sec. 08.15.120. APPROVED SUPERVISORS. (a) Except for super-
19 vision required to satisfy AS 08.15.110(a)(1), a person may not super-
20 vise a person in the practice of marital and family therapy unless the
21 person is approved by the board.

22 (b) The board shall approve as a supervisor a person who

23 (1) applies to the board for the approval;

24 (2) is licensed under this chapter to practice marital and
25 family therapy.

26 (c) Notwithstanding (b) of this section, the board shall approve
27 as a supervisor a member of a mental health profession other than the
28 marital and family therapy profession if the person meets the criteria
29 established by the board for approval of a member of another mental

1 health profession as a supervisor.

2 (d) The board may cancel its approval of a person as a supervi-
3 sor if the person commits an act listed in AS 08.15.960, fails to
4 satisfy the continuing education requirements established by the board
5 for supervisors under AS 08.15.050(3), or otherwise violates a pro-
6 vision of this chapter.

7 (e) A person providing supervision under this section is respon-
8 sible for ensuring that the extent, kind, and quality of services
9 performed by the person being supervised are consistent with the
10 training and experience of that person.

11 Sec. 08.15.130. SCOPE OF PRACTICE. A person licensed as a
12 marital and family therapist may assess, diagnose and treat mental and
13 emotional disorders that are referenced in the standard diagnostic
14 nomenclature for marital and family therapy, whether cognitive, affec-
15 tive, or behavioral, within the context of human relationships, par-
16 ticularly marital and family systems. Marital and family therapy
17 involves rendering or offering to render for a fee

18 (1) an applied understanding of the dynamics of marital and
19 family interactions, along with the application of psychotherapeutic
20 and counseling techniques for the purpose of resolving intrapersonal
21 and interpersonal conflict and changing perceptions, attitudes, and
22 behaviors in the area of human relationships and family life; and

23 (2) the professional application of assessments and treat-
24 ments of psychotherapeutic services to individuals, couples, or fam-
25 ilies for the purpose of treating the diagnosed emotional and mental
26 disorders.

27 Sec. 08.15.140. USE OF TITLE. (a) Unless licensed as a marital
28 and family therapist under this chapter, a person may not use the
29 title "marital and family therapist" or a title, designation, or

1 device indicating or suggesting that the person is a marital and
2 family therapist.

3 (b) A person who has satisfied the requirement of AS 08.15.-
4 110(a)(1) shall use the title "marital and family therapy associate",
5 or other title that is approved by the board, while practicing marital
6 and family therapy under AS 08.15.110(a)(2).

7 ARTICLE 3. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

8 Sec. 08.15.910. LICENSE BY EXAMINATION. The board shall issue a
9 license to practice a behavioral science profession to an individual
10 who

11 (1) applies on a form provided by the department;

12 (2) pays the fee established by the department under
13 AS 08.01.065; and

14 (3) passes the written examination administered by the
15 department on behalf of the board.

16 Sec. 08.15.920. TEMPORARY LICENSE. (a) The board shall issue a
17 temporary license to an individual who satisfies the requirements for
18 a permanent license, except for taking the examination, and who has
19 been approved by the board to take the examination.

20 (b) An individual may practice under a temporary license until
21 the board issues the results of the first examination given after
22 issuance of the person's temporary license and either issues or denies
23 a permanent license to the individual.

24 (c) If a licensee under this section does not take the next
25 examination given after the issuance of the temporary license, the
26 board may renew the licensee's temporary license until the board
27 issues the results of the next examination, if the licensee provides
28 satisfactory proof to the board that the licensee had good cause for
29 not taking the examination.

1 (d) If a licensee under this section fails the examination, the
2 board may not renew the licensee's temporary license.

3 Sec. 08.15.930. LICENSE BY CREDENTIALS. The board shall, with-
4 out examination, issue a license to practice a behavioral science
5 profession to an individual who

6 (1) has an active license as a behavioral science profes-
7 sional in another state that has requirements for the license or
8 certificate that are substantially equal to or greater than the re-
9 quirements of this state;

10 (2) applies on a form provided by the department;

11 (3) pays the fee established by the department under
12 AS 08.01.065; and

13 (4) furnishes evidence satisfactory to the board that the
14 individual

15 (A) has not engaged in conduct that is a ground for
16 disciplinary sanctions under AS 08.15.960;

17 (B) is not the subject of an unresolved complaint,
18 review procedure, or disciplinary proceeding relating to the
19 behavioral science profession of the individual undertaken by a
20 professional association or regulatory authority;

21 (C) has not failed the examination of this state for
22 the behavioral science profession; or

23 (D) has not previously had a license to practice
24 revoked by this state or another jurisdiction.

25 Sec. 08.15.940. RENEWAL OF LICENSE. A license issued under this
26 chapter expires two years from the date of issue. A license may be
27 renewed by payment of the fee required by AS 08.01.065 and by satis-
28 faction of the continuing education requirements established by the
29 board for the renewal of the license.

1 Sec. 08.15.950. CONFIDENTIALITY OF COMMUNICATIONS. A behavioral
2 science professional licensed under this chapter may not disclose
3 information provided to the licensee by a client in the course of
4 their professional contact. This prohibition does not apply if the

5 (1) client provides written consent to the licensee to
6 reveal the communication;

7 (2) client is incompetent and the guardian or personal
8 representative provides written consent to the licensee to reveal the
9 communication;

10 (3) client is dead and a beneficiary of an insurance policy
11 on the client's life provides written consent to the licensee to
12 reveal the communication;

13 (4) communication discloses that a crime has been committed
14 or reveals an intent to commit a crime;

15 (5) client is a minor, the communication discloses that the
16 client was the victim of a crime or harmful act, and the licensee
17 reveals the communication only during the course of an official ex-
18 amination, trial or other proceeding in which the commission of the
19 crime or harmful act is a subject of inquiry;

20 (6) client brings charges against the licensee and the
21 licensee reveals the communication only as necessary to defend the
22 charges;

23 (7) licensee is subpoenaed to testify in court;

24 (8) licensee is collaborating or consulting with profes-
25 sional colleagues or an administrative superior on behalf of the
26 client;

27 (9) communication discloses information that the licensee
28 is required by state or federal law or regulation to disclose.

29 Sec. 08.15.960. GROUNDS FOR IMPOSITION OF DISCIPLINARY

1 SANCTIONS. After a hearing, the board may impose a disciplinary
2 sanction on a person licensed under this chapter when the board finds
3 that the person

4 (1) secured a license through deceit, fraud, or intentional
5 misrepresentation;

6 (2) engaged in deceit, fraud, or intentional misrepresenta-
7 tion in the course of providing professional services or engaging in
8 professional activities;

9 (3) advertised professional services in a false or mislead-
10 ing manner;

11 (4) has been convicted of a crime that has a substantial
12 relationship to the licensee's activities and services or that affects
13 the person's ability to continue to practice competently and safely;

14 (5) failed to comply with a provision of this chapter or a
15 regulation adopted under this chapter, or an order of the board;

16 (6) continued to practice after becoming unfit due to

17 (A) professional incompetence;

18 (B) addiction or dependence on alcohol or another drug
19 that may endanger the public by impairing the person's ability to
20 practice;

21 (C) physical or mental disability;

22 (7) engaged in lewd or immoral conduct in connection with
23 the delivery of professional services;

24 (8) had a license to practice in another jurisdiction
25 suspended or revoked for any reason except a fee dispute;

26 (9) has violated a code of ethics adopted by board regula-
27 tion for the behavioral science profession for which the person is
28 licensed.

29 Sec. 08.15.970. DISCIPLINARY SANCTIONS. (a) When it finds that

1 a licensee has committed an act listed in AS 08.15.960, the board may
2 impose the following sanctions singly or in combination:

- 3 (1) permanently revoke a license to practice;
- 4 (2) suspend a license for a determinate period of time;
- 5 (3) censure a licensee;
- 6 (4) issue a letter of reprimand;
- 7 (5) place a licensee on probationary status and require the
8 licensee to

9 (A) report regularly to the board on matters involving
10 the basis of probation;

11 (B) limit practice to prescribed areas;

12 (C) continue professional education until a satisfac-
13 tory degree of skill has been attained in those areas determined
14 by the board to need improvement;

15 (6) impose limitations or conditions on the practice of a
16 licensee.

17 (b) The board may withdraw a limitation, condition, or proba-
18 tionary status if it finds that the deficiency that required the
19 sanction has been remedied.

20 (c) The board shall seek consistency in the application of
21 disciplinary sanctions, and the board shall explain in its findings of
22 fact or orders a significant departure from prior decisions involving
23 similar situations.

24 Sec. 08.15.980. PROHIBITED ACTS AND PENALTY. (a) A person may
25 not

26 (1) practice a behavioral science profession regulated by
27 this chapter for which the person is not licensed under this chapter;

28 (2) use a title prohibited to the person under AS 08.15.140
29 or indicating or representing that the person practices or is licensed

1 to practice a behavioral science profession regulated by this chapter
2 for which the person is not licensed under this chapter;

3 (3) advertise that the person practices a behavioral sci-
4 ence profession regulated by this chapter for which the person is not
5 licensed under this chapter.

6 (b) A person who violates (a) of this section is guilty of a
7 class B misdemeanor.

8 Sec. 08.15.985. EXEMPTIONS. (a) This chapter does not apply to
9 a person who practices a behavioral science profession regulated by
10 this chapter

11 (1) consistent with the accepted standards and code of
12 ethics of the person's profession and as part of the person's duties
13 as

14 (A) a psychologist or psychological associate;

15 (B) a physician or psychiatrist;

16 (C) an attorney or judge;

17 (D) a member of the clergy;

18 (E) a student, intern, or resident pursuing a course
19 of study approved by the board as appropriate training for a
20 behavioral science profession regulated by the board, if the
21 activities of the student, intern, or resident constitute a part
22 of a supervised course of study and the student, intern, or
23 resident is designated by a title that indicates that the person
24 is training to be a behavioral science professional;

25 (2) in a community of less than 6,000 persons; or

26 (3) for a nonprofit health organization.

27 (b) In this section,

28 (1) "community" means a municipality or an unincorporated
29 group of individuals residing in the same geographic area as a social

1 unit;

2 (2) "nonprofit" organization means an association of per-
3 sons where no part of the income or profit of the organization is
4 distributable to the members, except as reimbursement for expenses
5 incurred by a member on behalf of the organization; "nonprofit" organ-
6 ization includes a corporation organized under AS 10.20 and a corpora-
7 tion that is exempt under 26 U.S.C. 501 from payment of federal income
8 tax.

9 Sec. 08.15.990. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter

10 (1) "advertise" includes issuing or causing to be dis-
11 tributed a card, sign or device to a person, or causing, permitting or
12 allowing a sign or marking on or in a building or structure, or in a
13 newspaper, magazine, or directory, or on radio or television, or using
14 other means designed to secure public attention;

15 (2) "behavioral science professional" means a marriage and
16 family therapist;

17 (3) "board" means the Board of Behavioral Science;

18 (4) "supervision" means face-to-face consultation, direc-
19 tion, review, evaluation and assessment of the practice of the person
20 being supervised, including direct observation and the review of case
21 presentations, audio tapes and video tapes.

22 * Sec. 3. AS 08.01.010 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

23 (24) Board of Behavioral Science (AS 08.15.010).

24 * Sec. 4. AS 08.01.050(a) is amended to read:

25 (a) The department shall provide the following administrative
26 and budgetary services when appropriate:

27 (1) collect fees and issue receipts;

28 (2) maintain records and files;

29 (3) issue and receive application forms;

1 (4) notify applicants of acceptance or rejection of appli-
2 cants as determined by the board;

3 (5) designate dates examinations are to be held and notify
4 applicants;

5 (6) publish notice of examination;

6 (7) arrange space for holding examinations;

7 (8) notify applicants of results of examinations;

8 (9) issue licenses and certificates or temporary licenses
9 or certificates as authorized by the board;

10 (10) issue duplicate licenses or certificates upon proof by
11 the licensee of loss of the original and payment by the licensee of a
12 fee of \$2 except as otherwise provided in this title;

13 (11) notify licensees of renewal dates at least 30 days
14 before the expiration date of their licenses;

15 (12) compile and maintain current a register of licenses;

16 (13) answer routine inquiries;

17 (14) maintain files relating to individual licensees;

18 (15) arrange for printing and advertising;

19 (16) purchase supplies;

20 (17) employ secretarial help when needed;

21 (18) perform other services that [WHICH] may be requested by
22 the board;

23 (19) provide investigative services to the boards estab-
24 lished under AS 08.04, AS 08.15, AS 08.20, AS 08.36, AS 08.64, AS 08.-
25 68, AS 08.70, AS 08.71, AS 08.72, AS 08.80, AS 08.84, and AS 08.86,
26 for the purpose of assisting those boards in matters of professional
27 discipline and in responding to consumer complaints.

28 * Sec. 5. AS 08.02.010(a) is amended to read:

29 (a) A behavioral science professional licensed under AS 08.15, a

1 [A] person licensed in the state as a chiropractor under AS 08.20, a
2 dentist under AS 08.36, a medical practitioner or osteopath under
3 AS 08.64, a registered nurse under AS 08.68, an optometrist under
4 AS 08.72, a registered pharmacist under AS 08.80, a registered phys-
5 ical therapist under AS 08.84, or a psychologist under AS 08.86, shall
6 use as professional identification appropriate letters or a title
7 after that person's name which represents that person's specific field
8 of practice. The letters or title shall appear on all signs, statio-
9 nery or other advertising in which the person offers or displays
10 personal professional services to the public. In addition, a person
11 engaged in the practice of medicine or osteopathy under AS 08.64.-
12 380(2), or a person engaged in any manner in the healing arts who
13 diagnoses, treats, tests, or counsels other persons in relation to
14 human health or disease and uses the letters "M.D." or the title
15 "doctor" or "physician" or another [ANY OTHER] title that [WHICH]
16 tends to show that the person is willing or qualified to diagnose,
17 treat, test, or counsel another person, shall clarify the letters or
18 title by adding the appropriate specialist designation, if any, such
19 as "dermatologist", "radiologist", "audiologist", "naturopath", or the
20 like.

21 * Sec. 6. AS 08.03.010(c) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:
22 (21) Board of Behavioral Science (AS 08.15.010) -- June 30,
23 1990.

24 * Sec. 7. AS 09.55.560(1) is amended to read:
25 (1) "health care provider" means a behavioral science
26 professional licensed under AS 08.15; a chiropractor licensed under
27 AS 08.20; a dental hygienist licensed under AS 08.32; a dentist li-
28 censed under AS 08.36; a nurse licensed under AS 08.68; a dispensing
29 optician licensed under AS 08.71; an optometrist licensed under

1 AS 08.72; a pharmacist licensed under AS 08.80; a physical therapist
2 licensed under AS 08.84; a physician licensed under AS 08.64; a podia-
3 trist; a psychologist and a psychological associate licensed under
4 AS 08.86; and a hospital as defined in AS 18.20.130, including a
5 governmentally owned or operated hospital; a corporate entity covered
6 under AS 21.88.050(b)(12); and an employee of a health care provider
7 acting within the course and scope of employment;

8 * Sec. 8. AS 21.88.900(a)(9) is amended to read:

9 (9) "health care provider" means a behavioral science
10 professional licensed under AS 08.15; a chiropractor licensed under
11 AS 08.20; a dental hygienist licensed under AS 08.32; a dentist li-
12 censed under AS 08.36; a nurse licensed under AS 08.68; a dispensing
13 optician licensed under AS 08.71; an optometrist licensed under
14 AS 08.72; a pharmacist licensed under AS 08.80; a physical therapist
15 licensed under AS 08.84; a physician licensed under AS 08.64; a podia-
16 trist; a psychologist and a psychological associate licensed under
17 AS 08.86; and a hospital as defined in AS 18.20.130, including a
18 governmentally owned or operated hospital; a corporate entity covered
19 under AS 21.88.050(b)(12); and an employee of a health care provider
20 acting within the course and scope of employment;

21 * Sec. 9. AS 39.50.200(b) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

22 (48) Board of Behavioral Science (AS 08.15.010)

23 * Sec. 10. AS 44.62.330(a) is amended by adding a new paragraph to
24 read:

25 (53) Board of Behavioral Science (AS 08.15.010).

26 * Sec. 11. AS 47.17.070(9) is amended to read:

27 (9) "practitioner of the healing arts" includes chiroprac-
28 tors, dental hygienists, dentists, health aides, nurses, nurse practi-
29 tioners, optometrists, osteopaths, physical therapists, physicians,

1 physician's assistants, psychiatrists, psychologists, psychological
2 associates, behavioral science professionals licensed under AS 08.15,
3 religious healing practitioners, and surgeons;

4 * Sec. 12. INITIAL APPOINTMENTS TO THE BOARD. When making the initial
5 appointments of professional members to the Board of Behavioral Science the
6 governor shall consider an individual licensed for the purpose of AS 08.-
7 15.020 if the individual qualifies to take an examination for a license
8 under AS 08.15.110; however, the educational institutions referred to in
9 AS 08.15.110(a)(1), and the supervisors required by AS 08.15.110(a)(2)(B),
10 do not need to have been approved or authorized by the Board of Behavioral
11 Science.

12 * Sec. 13. Notwithstanding AS 08.15, as enacted by sec. 2 of this Act,
13 the Board of Behavioral Science shall issue a license to practice a behav-
14 ioral science to a person who applies within one year of the effective date
15 of this section and who on that date either

16 (1) qualifies to take an examination for a license under AS 08.-
17 15.110, except that the educational institutions referred to in AS 08.15.-
18 110(a)(1), and the supervisors required by AS 08.15.110(a)(2)(B), do not
19 need to have been approved or authorized by the Board of Behavioral
20 Science; or

21 (2) is practicing the behavioral science in the state and is a
22 clinical member of a national certifying body.

23 * Sec. 14. Notwithstanding AS 08.15.120, as enacted by sec. 2 of this
24 Act, the Board of Behavioral Science shall approve as a supervisor for
25 marital and family therapy a person who

26 (1) has been a clinical member of the American Association of
27 Marriage and Family Therapy for two years or more;

28 (2) has practiced marital and family therapy for three years or
29 more; and

1 (3) applies for approval as a supervisor within one year of the
2 effective date of this Act.

3 * Sec. 15. AS 08.15.950, enacted by sec. 2 of this Act has the effect
4 of amending Rule 504 of the Alaska Rules of Evidence by creating for a
5 behavioral science professional licensed under secs. 2 or 13 of this Act, a
6 privilege to refuse to disclose information.

7 * Sec. 16. Sections 1 - 6 and 9 - 18 of this Act take effect immedi-
8 ately in accordance with AS 01.10.070(c).

9 * Sec. 17. Section 7 of this Act takes effect July 1, 1986.

10 * Sec. 18. Section 8 of this Act takes effect July 1, 1987.