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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY GOLL AND GRUENBERG

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HOUSE BILL NO. 471

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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A BILL

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For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the abuse and neglect of  
children."

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

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\* Section 1. AS 47.17.020(a) is amended to read:

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(a) The following persons who, in the performance of their

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occupational duties, or volunteer activities as specifically provided,

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have cause to believe that a child has suffered harm as a result of

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child abuse or neglect shall immediately report the harm to the near-

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est office of the department:

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(1) practitioners of the healing arts;

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(2) school teachers and school administrative staff mem-

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bers of public and private schools;

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(3) social workers;

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(4) peace officers, and officers of the Department of

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Corrections;

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(5) administrative officers of institutions;

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(6) child care providers;

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(7) paid employees and volunteers of domestic violence and

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sexual assault programs, and crisis intervention and prevention pro-

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grams as defined in AS 18.66.900.

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\* Sec. 2. AS 47.17.020 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

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(e) A person listed in (a) of this section, who in the perfor-

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mance of the person's occupational duties, or volunteer activities as

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specifically provided, has cause to believe that a child has suffered

1 harm as a result of abuse or neglect, shall promptly report the harm  
2 to the nearest law enforcement agency if the person making the report  
3 (1) has cause to believe that the harm was caused by a person who is  
4 not responsible for the child's welfare; or (2) is unable to determine  
5 (A) who caused the harm to the child; or (B) whether the person who is  
6 believed to have caused the harm has responsibility for the child's  
7 welfare. If a person making a report under this subsection cannot  
8 reasonably contact the nearest law enforcement agency, and immediate  
9 action appears necessary for the well-being of the child, the person  
10 shall make the report to the nearest office of the department. The  
11 department shall take immediate action to protect the child and shall,  
12 at the earliest opportunity, notify the nearest law enforcement agen-  
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