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BY THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND
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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 485 (HESS)

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to powers and duties of guardians."

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

8 * Section 1. AS 13.26.150(e) is amended to read:

9 (e) A guardian may not

10 (1) place the ward in a facility or institution for the
11 mentally ill other than through a formal commitment proceeding under
12 AS 47.30 in which the ward has a separate guardian ad litem;

13 (2) consent on behalf of the ward to an abortion, ster-
14 ilization, psychosurgery, or removal of bodily organs except when
15 necessary to preserve the life or prevent serious impairment of the
16 physical health of the ward;

17 (3) consent on behalf of the ward to the withholding of
18 life-saving medical procedures; however, a guardian is not required to
19 oppose the cessation or withholding of life-saving medical procedures
20 when those procedures will serve only to prolong the dying process or
21 offer no reasonable expectation of effecting a temporary or permanent
22 cure of or relief from the illness or condition being treated; a
23 guardian is not civilly liable for acts or omissions under this para-
24 graph unless the act or omission constitutes gross negligence or
25 reckless or intentional misconduct;

26 (4) consent on behalf of the ward to the performance of an
27 experimental medical procedure or to participation in a medical ex-
28 periment not intended to preserve the life or prevent serious impair-
29 ment of the physical health of the ward;

1 (5) consent on behalf of the ward to termination of the
2 ward's parental rights;

3 (6) prohibit the ward from registering to vote or from
4 casting a ballot at public election;

5 (7) prohibit the ward from applying for and obtaining a
6 driver's license;

7 (8) prohibit the marriage or divorce of the ward.