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SENATE BILL NO. 222

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A BILL

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For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to insurance coverage for psycho-
logical health care; and providing for an effective
date."

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

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

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Sec. 21.42.357. COVERAGE FOR COST OF SERVICES PROVIDED BY PSY-

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CHOLOGISTS. (a) If an individual or group disability insurance

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policy, subscriber's contract, or fraternal benefit society provides

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indemnity for the cost of mental health services, indemnity in a

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reasonable amount shall also be provided for the cost of services

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provided by a psychologist. Indemnity may be provided under this

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subsection only if the psychologist is certified to practice as a

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psychologist in accordance with the regulations adopted under

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AS 08.86.070(a), and the services provided are within the scope of

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practice authorized by that certification.

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(b) If a subscriber's contract provides for furnishing mental

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health services, the contract shall also provide that a psychologist

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may furnish those health services. Services may be provided under

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this subsection only if the psychologist is certified to practice as a

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psychologist in accordance with regulations adopted under AS 08.86.-

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070(a), and the services provided are within the scope of practice

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* Sec. 2. This Act takes effect July 1, 1985.