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SENATE BILL NO. 239

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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

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the practice of midwifery."

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

8 * Section 1. AS 08.64.370 is amended to read:

9 Sec. 08.64.370. PERSONS NOT AFFECTED. This chapter does not
10 apply to

11 (1) officers in the regular medical service of the armed
12 services of the United States or the United States Public Health
13 Service while in the discharge of their official duties;

14 (2) a physician or osteopath, who is not a resident of this
15 state, who is asked by a physician or osteopath licensed in this state
16 to help in the diagnosis or treatment of a case;

17 (3) the practice of the religious tenets of a church;

18 (4) [REPEALED

19 (5)] a person while serving as a student, intern, resident
20 physician, or fellow at a hospital, clinic, or medical facility in the
21 state;

22 (5) [(6)] a physician in the regular medical service of
23 the United States Public Health Service or the armed services of the
24 United States volunteering services without pay or other remuneration
25 to a hospital, clinic, medical office, or other medical facility in
26 the state;

27 (6) a person who meets the requirements for training in
28 midwifery set by the Department of Health and Social Services under
29 AS 18.05.040 while engaged in the practice of midwifery.

1 * Sec. 2. AS 08.64.380 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

2 (10) "practice of midwifery" means giving education and
3 advice concerning pregnancy; supervising, caring for, and advising
4 women during pregnancy, labor, and the postpartum period; conducting
5 deliveries without supervision; and caring for newborns and infants;
6 in this paragraph "caring for" means performing preventive measures,
7 detecting abnormal conditions in mother and child, procuring medical
8 help, and executing emergency measures in the absence of medical help.

9 * Sec. 3. AS 18.05.040(a) is amended to read:

10 (a) The commissioner shall adopt [, REPEAL AND AMEND RULES AND]
11 regulations consistent with existing law for

12 (1) the definition, reporting and control of diseases of
13 public health significance;

14 (2) [REPEALED

15 (3) REPEALED

16 (4)] cooperation with local boards of health and health
17 officers;

18 (3) [(5)] protection and promotion of the public health
19 and prevention of disability and mortality;

20 [(6) REPEALED]

21 (4) [(7)] the transportation of dead bodies;

22 [(8) REPEALED

23 (9) REPEALED

24 (10) REPEALED

25 (11) REPEALED

26 (12) REPEALED]

27 (5) [(13)] carrying out the purposes of this chapter;

28 (6) [(14)] the conduct of its business and for carrying
29 out the provisions of laws of the United States and the state relating

1 to public health;

2 (7) [(15)] establishing the divisions and local offices
3 and advisory groups necessary or considered expedient to carry out or
4 assist in carrying out a duty or power assigned to it;

5 [(16) REPEALED]

6 (8) [(17)] the voluntary certification of laboratories to
7 perform diagnostic, quality control, or enforcement analyses or
8 examinations based on recognized or tentative standards of performance
9 relating to analysis and examination of food to include seafood, milk,
10 water, and specimens from human beings submitted by licensed
11 physicians and nurses for analysis;

12 (9) [(18)] the regulation of quality and purity of
13 commercially compressed oxygen sold for human respiration;

14 (10) [(19)] the notification of engagement or release of a
15 physician assistant by persons under AS 08.64.170(b);

16 (11) the education and training required of persons engaged
17 in the practice of midwifery; in this paragraph "practice of
18 midwifery" has the meaning given in AS 08.64.380.