

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY KOPONEN

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HOUSE BILL NO. 332

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the reporting of burn injuries."

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

8 * Section 1. AS 08.64 is amended by adding a new section to read:

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Sec. 08.64.337. PHYSICIANS TO REPORT BURN INJURIES. (a) A

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physician who treats or attends to a person with a burn injury shall

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report the injury to the Department of Public Safety, division of fire

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prevention, on a form provided by the department. The report shall be

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submitted within 72 hours after the person is treated. If, in the

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physician's opinion, the person is likely to die before the department

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receives a written report, the physician shall make certain that the

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Alaska State Troopers or a local law enforcement agency is given

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prompt oral notice that the person is being treated for a burn injury

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and that the person may die soon.

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(b) In this section, "burn injury" means

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(1) second or third degree burns to five percent or more of

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a patient's body; or

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(2) a burn to a patient's upper respiratory tract or laryn-

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geal edema due to the inhalation of super-heated air.