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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE LABOR AND
COMMERCE COMMITTEE

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CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 368 (L&C)

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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

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For an Act entitled: "An Act exempting certain persons from the require-

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ment to be licensed as an occupational therapist or

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occupational therapy assistant; and providing for an

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effective date."

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

11 * Section 1. AS 08.84.150(b) is amended to read:

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(b) A person may not practice occupational therapy without being

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licensed unless the person is

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(1) a student in an accredited occupational therapy program

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or in a supervised field work program;

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(2) a graduate of a foreign school of occupational therapy

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fulfilling the internship requirement of AS 08.84.032, and then only

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unless under the continuous direction and immediate supervision of an

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occupational therapist;

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(3) an occupational therapist or occupational therapy

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assistant employed by the United States Government while in the dis-

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charge of official duties; [OR]

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(4) granted a limited permit under AS 08.84.075;

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(5) licensed under this title and uses occupational therapy

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skills in the practice of the profession for which the license is

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issued; or

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(6) employed as a teacher or teacher's aide by an educa-

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tional institution and is required to use occupational therapy skills

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during the course of employment, if

1 (A) the occupational therapy skills are used under a
2 program implemented by the employer and developed by a licensed
3 occupational therapist;

4 (B) the employer maintains direct supervision of the
5 person's use of occupational therapy skills; and

6 (C) the person does not represent to

7 (i) be an occupational therapist or occupational
8 therapy assistant; and

9 (ii) practice occupational therapy.

10 * Sec. 2. AS 08.84.190(3) is amended to read:

11 (3) "occupational therapy" means, for compensation, the use
12 of purposeful activity, evaluation, treatment, and consultation with
13 human beings whose ability to cope with the tasks of daily living are
14 threatened with, or impaired by developmental deficits, learning
15 disabilities, aging, poverty, cultural differences, physical injury or
16 illness, or psychological and social disabilities to maximize indepen-
17 dence, prevent disability, and maintain health; "occupational therapy"
18 includes

19 (A) developing daily living, play, leisure, social,
20 and developmental skills;

21 (B) facilitating perceptual-motor and sensory inte-
22 grative functioning;

23 (C) enhancing functional performance, prevocational
24 skills, and work capabilities using specifically designed exer-
25 cises, therapeutic activities and measure, manual intervention,
26 and appliances;

27 (D) design, fabrication, and application of splints or
28 selective adaptive equipment;

29 (E) administering and interpreting standardized and

1 nonstandardized assessments, including sensory, manual muscle,
2 and range of motion assessments, necessary for planning effective
3 treatment; and

4 (F) adapting environments for the disabled;

5 * Sec. 3. This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).