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1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 7

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the funding of the Emergency
6 Medical Services System.

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

8 WHEREAS federal funding for Emergency Medical Services Systems to
9 promote and assist Alaska communities to upgrade prehospital emergency
10 medical services has been dissolved; and

11 WHEREAS Alaska has more than 2,570 volunteer emergency medical techni-
12 cians working in more than 114 volunteer provider agencies; and

13 WHEREAS the provision of emergency medical service prehospital care
14 systems is a responsibility of local government, the legislature, and the
15 administration; and

16 WHEREAS the quality of service rendered to a victim of an emergency
17 should be standardized throughout the communities of the state; and

18 WHEREAS the planning process for ambulance service operation, ambu-
19 lance service manpower certification, and technical assistance to ambulance
20 services and communities is in place and functioning; and

21 WHEREAS the Governor is responsible for the faithful execution of the
22 laws; and

23 WHEREAS Alaska law (AS 18.08) authorizes the adoption of regulations
24 relating to certification and recertification of emergency medical techni-
25 cians, emergency medical technician instructors, and ambulances; and

26 WHEREAS the Legislature is responsible for the promotion and protec-
27 tion of public health and welfare; and

28 WHEREAS the state Office of Emergency Medical Services, division of
29 public health, Department of Health and Social Services is responsible for

1 the implementation of AS 18.08 to protect the public health and welfare;
2 and

3 WHEREAS the current methods of financial distribution for the Emer-
4 gency Medical Services System inhibit compliance with this law; and

5 WHEREAS the Emergency Medical Services System is dependent on several
6 funding sources;

7 BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives respectfully requests
8 that the Governor include an annual permanent funding source for the Emer-
9 gency Medical Services System in the state.

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