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1 IN THE SENATE BY THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE
2 CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 177 (Judiciary)
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION
5 A BILL
6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to medical expenses of prisoners."
7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:
8 * Section 1. AS 33.30 is amended by adding a new section to read:
9 Sec. 33.30.015. MEDICAL EXPENSES OF PRISONERS. (a) The commis-
10 sioner shall adopt regulations establishing a graduated schedule of
11 fees to be charged all prisoners to whom medical services are provided
12 under AS 33.30.011(4). The amount of the fee
13 (1) must be based upon the level of medical service pro-
14 vided; and
15 (2) may not exceed \$10 per visit or appointment.
16 (b) The commissioner may assess a penalty for a prisoner's
17 wilful failure or refusal to keep a medical or health care appointment
18 that has been scheduled with the prisoner's knowledge and consent.
19 The penalty assessed equals twice the fee for the medical service
20 established under (a) of this section.
21 (c) The department may not deny necessary medical services
22 because of the inability of a prisoner to pay the established medical
23 fee or any penalty. If the commissioner determines that a prisoner
24 has insufficient funds to pay the medical fee or penalty, the commis-
25 sioner may waive or reduce the established fee or penalty, or may seek
26 reimbursement of the fee or penalty from the prisoner after the med-
27 ical service has been provided.