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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE BY  
REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

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SENATE BILL NO. 239

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to health care review committees  
7 established by the state; and providing for an effec-  
8 tive date."

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

10 \* Section 1. AS 18.23.070(5) is amended to read:

11 (5) "review organization" means

12 (A) a hospital governing body or a committee whose  
13 membership is limited to health care providers and administrative  
14 staff, except where otherwise provided for by state or federal  
15 law, and that is established by a hospital, by a clinic, by one  
16 or more state or local associations of health care providers, by  
17 an organization of health care providers from a particular area  
18 or medical institution, or by a professional standards review  
19 organization established under 42 U.S.C., sec. 1320c-1, to gather  
20 and review information relating to the care and treatment of  
21 patients for the purposes of

22 (i) evaluating and improving the quality of  
23 health care rendered in the area or medical institution;

24 (ii) reducing morbidity or mortality;

25 (iii) obtaining and disseminating statistics and  
26 information relative to the treatment and prevention of  
27 diseases, illness and injuries;

28 (iv) developing and publishing guidelines showing  
29 the norms of health care in the area or medical institution;

1 (v) developing and publishing guidelines designed  
2 to keep the cost of health care within reasonable bounds;

3 (vi) reviewing the quality or cost of health care  
4 services provided to enrollees of health maintenance orga-  
5 nizations;

6 (vii) acting as a professional standards review  
7 organization under 42 U.S.C., sec. 1320c;

8 (viii) reviewing, ruling on, or advising on contro-  
9 versies, disputes or questions between a health insurance  
10 carrier or health maintenance organization and one or more  
11 of its insured or enrollees; between a professional licens-  
12 ing board, acting under its powers of discipline or license  
13 revocation or suspension, and a health care provider li-  
14 censed by it when the matter is referred to a review orga-  
15 nization by the professional licensing board; between a  
16 health care provider and the provider's patients concerning  
17 diagnosis, treatment or care, or a charge or fee; between a  
18 health care provider and a health insurance carrier or  
19 health maintenance organization concerning a charge or fee  
20 for health care services provided to an insured or enrollee;  
21 or between a health care provider or the provider's patients  
22 and the federal or a state or local government, or an agency  
23 of the federal or a state or local government;

24 (ix) acting on the recommendation of a credential  
25 review committee or a grievance committee;

26 (B) the State Medical Board established by  
27 AS 08.64.010;

28 (C) a committee established by the commissioner of  
29 health and social services to review public health issues

1           regarding morbidity or mortality.

2           \* Sec. 2. This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).

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