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1 IN THE SENATE
2 HOUSE CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 239 (HESS)
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION
5 A BILL
6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to health care review committees
7 established by the state; and providing for an effective date."
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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 licens-
14 ed by it when the matter is referred to a review organiza-
15 tion by the professional licensing board; between a health
16 care provider and the provider's patients concerning diag-
17 nosis, 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 AS 08.64.-
27 010;
28 (C) a committee established by the commissioner of
29 health and social services and approved by the State Medical

1 Board to review public health issues regarding morbidity or
2 mortality; at least 75 percent of the committee members must be
3 health care providers.

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

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