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SENATE BILL NO. 407

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act setting a priority relating to treatment of
7 persons for alcoholism, drug abuse, inhalant abuse,
8 and intoxication."

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

10 * Section 1. AS 47.37.150 is amended to read:

11 Sec. 47.37.150. ACCEPTANCE FOR TREATMENT. The coordinator shall
12 adopt regulations for the admission of persons into the treatment
13 program, considering available treatment resources and facilities, for
14 the purpose of early and effective treatment of alcoholics, intox-
15 icated persons, drug abusers, and inhalant abusers. In adopting the
16 regulations, the coordinator shall be guided by the following stan-
17 dards:

18 (1) if possible, a patient must be treated on a voluntary
19 rather than an involuntary basis;

20 (2) a patient must be initially assigned or transferred to
21 outpatient or intermediate treatment, unless the patient is found to
22 require inpatient treatment;

23 (3) a person may not be denied treatment solely because the
24 person has withdrawn from treatment against medical advice on a prior
25 occasion or because the person has relapsed after earlier treatment;

26 (4) an individualized treatment plan must be prepared and
27 maintained on a current basis for each patient;

28 (5) provision must be made for a continuum of coordinated
29 treatment services, so that a person who leaves a facility or a form

1 of treatment will use other appropriate treatment and facilities;
2 (6) priority in admissions shall be given, whenever pos-
3 sible, to persons who would be likely to inflict physical harm on
4 another and pregnant women who are likely to continue using alcohol,
5 drugs, or inhalants in a manner that is likely to harm the fetus.