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1 IN THE SENATE BY THE HESS COMMITTEE

2 HOUSE CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 407 (HESS)

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 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24 person has withdrawn from treatment against medical advice on a prior  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 during pregnancy.