

HOUSE BILL NO. 514  
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Introduced: 2/18/92

Referred: Health, Education & Social Services, Judiciary

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to the Board of Medicine and the impaired medical practitioner  
2 program."

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

4 \* Section 1. AS 08.02.020 is amended to read:

5 Sec. 08.02.020. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY. An action may not be brought against  
6 a person for damages resulting from

7 (1) the person's good faith performance of a duty, function, or activity required  
8 as

9 (A) a member of, or witness before, a licensing board or peer review  
10 committee established to review a licensing matter;

11 (B) a member of a committee appointed under AS 08.64.336(c);

12 (C) a contractor or agent of a contractor under AS 08.64.101(6), including  
13 the submission of reports and participation in administrative or judicial proceedings  
14 as a result of the reports; or

1 (2) a recommendation or action in accordance with the prescribed duties of a  
2 licensing board, peer review committee established to review a licensing matter, committee  
3 appointed under AS 08.64.336(c), or contractor or agent of a contractor under AS 08.64.101(6)  
4 when the person acts in the reasonable belief that the action or recommendation is warranted by  
5 facts known to the person, board, peer review committee, committee appointed under AS  
6 08.64.336(c), or contractor or agent of the contractor under AS 08.64.101(6) after reasonable  
7 efforts to ascertain the facts upon which the action or recommendation is made.

8 \* Sec. 2. AS 08.64.101 is amended to read:

9 Sec. 08.64.101. DUTIES. The board shall

10 (1) examine and issue licenses to applicants;

11 (2) develop written guidelines to ensure that licensing requirements are not  
12 unreasonably burdensome and the issuance of licenses is not unreasonably withheld or delayed;

13 (3) submit an annual report of its proceedings to the governor, including a  
14 statement of money received and disbursed;

15 (4) after a hearing, impose disciplinary sanctions on persons who violate this  
16 chapter or the regulations or orders of the board;

17 (5) adopt regulations ensuring that renewal of licenses is contingent upon proof  
18 of continued competency on the part of the licensee; and

19 (6) under regulations adopted by the board, contract with private professional  
20 organizations to establish an impaired medical professionals program to identify, confront,  
21 evaluate, and treat persons licensed under this chapter who abuse addictive substances or are  
22 mentally ill or cognitively impaired.