

HOUSE BILL NO. 507
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST

Introduced: 2/16/94

Referred: Health, Education & Social Services, Labor & Commerce

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to licensure by the State Medical Board and temporary permits**
 2 **for certain optometrists."**

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

4 *** Section 1. AS 08.64.255 is amended to read:**

5 **Sec. 08.64.255. INTERVIEW REQUIRED. All applicants for licensure shall**
 6 **be interviewed in person by at least one member of the board or the board's**
 7 **designated representative before a license will be issued. The interview must be**
 8 **recorded. If the application is denied on the basis of the interview, ~~the denial must be~~**
 9 **stated in writing, with the reasons for it, and the record must be preserved.**

10 *** Sec. 2. AS 08.64.275(a) is amended to read:**

11 **(a) A member of the board or its executive secretary may grant a temporary**
 12 **permit to a physician or osteopath for the purpose of substituting for another physician**
 13 **or osteopath licensed in this state or for the purpose of providing health care**
 14 **services on a temporary basis in an area of the state that is underserved, as**

1 determined by the board under regulations. The permit is valid for 60 consecutive
2 days. If circumstances warrant, an extension of the permit may be granted by the
3 board.

4 * Sec. 3. AS 08.72 is amended by adding a new section to read:

5 Sec. 08.72.172. PERMIT FOR LOCUM TENENS PRACTICE. (a) A
6 member of the board may issue a temporary permit to a nonresident optometrist for
7 the purpose of assisting or substituting for an optometrist licensed under this chapter.
8 The office employing an optometrist with a permit under this section must be an
9 established practice, as determined under regulations adopted by the board, and be
10 owned by a licensed optometrist whose practice is full time.

11 (b) A permit issued under this section is valid for 60 consecutive days and
12 may be renewed up to three times within a 12-month period if circumstances warrant.
13 Permits issued under this section are not valid for more than 240 consecutive days of
14 practice within a 12-month period.

15 (c) A person who applies for a permit under this section shall pay the required
16 fee and furnish proof of

17 (1) meeting the requirements of AS 08.72.140; and

18 (2) holding a valid license to practice optometry issued by a state or
19 territory of the United States or by a province or territory of Canada.

20 (d) Within 10 days after a permit has been issued under this section, the board
21 member shall forward to the department a report of the issuance of the permit.