

**HOUSE BILL NO. 545**

**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA**

**EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION**

**BY THE HOUSE LABOR AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE BY REQUEST**

Introduced: 4/6/94

Referred: Labor & Commerce

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 "An Act including marital and family therapists as providers protected from  
2 unfair discrimination under group disability insurance; and providing for an  
3 effective date."

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

5 \* Section 1. AS 21.36.090(d) is amended to read:

6 (d) Except to the extent necessary to comply with AS 21.42.365 and AS 21.56,  
7 a person may not practice or permit unfair discrimination against a person who  
8 provides a service covered under a group disability policy that extends coverage on an  
9 expense incurred basis, or under a group service or indemnity type contract issued by  
10 a nonprofit corporation, if the service is within the scope of the provider's occupational  
11 license. In this subsection, "provider" means a state licensed physician, marital and  
12 family therapist, dentist, osteopath, optometrist, chiropractor, nurse midwife, advanced  
13 nurse practitioner, naturopath, physical therapist, occupational therapist, psychologist,  
14 psychological associate, [OR] licensed clinical social worker, or certified direct-entry

1 midwife.

2 • **Sec. 2. APPLICABILITY.** This Act applies to group disability policies or group service  
3 or indemnity contracts entered into or renewed on or after the effective date of this Act.

4 • **Sec. 3.** This Act takes effect July 1, 1994.