

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 298(HES)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Offered: 4/12/94
Referred: L&C, JUD

Sponsor(s): SENATE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE BY
REQUEST

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 by a licensed
7 physician designated for that purpose by the board before a license will be issued.
8 The interview must be recorded. If the application is denied on the basis of the
9 interview, the denial must be stated in writing, with the reasons for it, and the record
10 must be preserved.

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

12 (a) A member of the board or its executive secretary may grant a temporary
13 permit to a physician or osteopath for the purpose of substituting for another physician
14 or osteopath licensed in this state or for the purpose of providing health care

1 services on a temporary basis in an area of the state that is underserved, as
2 determined by the board under regulations. The permit is valid for 60 consecutive
3 days. If circumstances warrant, an extension of the permit may be granted by the
4 board.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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