

COMMITTEE REPORT

SENATE

Mr. President:

Date _____

The Committee on _____ has had _____

under consideration. A Majority of the members of the Committee

- recommends it DO PASS
- recommends it DO NOT PASS
- recommends it DO PASS WITH ATTACHED AMENDMENT(S)
- recommends it BE REPLACED WITH CS FOR _____ AND THAT
CS FOR _____ DO PASS
- "and" recommends it BE REFERRED TO THE _____
COMMITTEE
- reports it back WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION
- "other"

Members signing the Majority report:

Members NOT concurring in the Majority report:

_____ recommends:
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_____ Chairman

The Legislature of the State of Alaska
FISCAL NOTE

First Session - Ninth Legislature

I. REQUEST

Bill No. HB 128
 Title: Requiring coverage for newly born children.
 Requested by: Jim Fennel Date: _____
 Return Date Requested: ASAP
 Agency: Commerce Program: Insurance

II. FISCAL DETAIL

Budget Request Unit(s) Affected: _____
 A. EXPENDITURES: (Thousands of dollars)

OBJECT	FY 75	FY 76	FY 77	FY 78	FY 79	FY 80
100 PERSONAL SERVICES						
200 TRAVEL						
300 CONTRACTUAL						
400 COMMODITIES						
500 EQUIPMENT						
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC.						
TOTAL						

B. FUNDING: (Thousands of dollars)

GENERAL FUND						
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						

C. POSITIONS:

PERMANENT/TEMPORARY MAN MONTHS (P./T.)	/	/	/	/	/	/
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III. ANALYSIS (See Fiscal Note Preparation Instructions, Section III)

No administrative cost to the Department of Commerce

IV. ATTACHMENTS

V. DATE: April 18, 1975 PREPARED BY: Lois J. Cook

Original: Legislative Finance
 cc: Budget and Management
 Prime Sponsor (First Legislator Named)

Introduced: 2/5/75
Referred: Health, Education &
Social Services and Commerce

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY SULLIVAN

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 125

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act requiring that coverage for newly born children
7 be included in individual or group health and dis-
8 ability plans."

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

10 * Section 1. AS 21.52 is amended by adding a new section to read:

11 Sec. 21.42.345. REQUIRED PROVISION FOR COVERAGE FOR NEWLY BORN
12 CHILDREN. All individual and group health insurance policies providing
13 coverage on an expense incurred basis and individual and group service
14 or indemnity type contracts issued by a nonprofit corporation which
15 provide coverage for a family member of the insured or subscriber shall,
16 as to the family members' coverage, also provide that the health
17 insurance benefits applicable for children shall be payable with
18 respect to a newly born child of the insured or subscriber from the
19 moment of birth. The coverage for newly born children shall consist
20 of coverage of injury or sickness including the necessary care and
21 treatment of medically diagnosed congenital defects and birth abnor-
22 malities. If payment of a specific premium or subscription fee is
23 required to provide coverage for a child, the policy or contract may
24 require that notification of birth of a newly born child and payment
25 of the required premium or fees must be furnished to the insurer or
26 nonprofit service or indemnity corporation within 30 days after the
27 date of birth in order to have the coverage continue beyond the 90-day
28 period. The requirements of this chapter shall apply to all insurance
29 policies and subscriber contracts delivered or issued for delivery in

1 this state more than 120 days after the effective date of this Act.

2 # Sec. 2. AS 21.87.340 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

3 (15) AS 21.42.345
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TO: DIVISION OF INSURANCE

DATE: February 7, 1975

(~~SENATE~~ - HOUSE) BILL 128

RE: "An Act requiring that coverage for newly born children
be included in individual or group health and disability plans."

Check One:

- 1. TOP PRIORITY - in favor of. _____
- 2. FAVOR - in favor of, but not top priority. XX
- 3. OK - no definite stand. _____
- 4. NOT IN FAVOR - _____
- 5. TOP PRIORITY - "Strongly Opposed" _____
- 6. BILL DOES NOT PERTAIN TO DIVISION _____

COMMENTS: (Justification must be stated for the above line checked - continue on another page if needed.)

This bill would require that any insurance policy or indemnity type contract providing health coverages on an expense incurred basis, include coverage for newly born children. This particular bill is nearly identical with a model bill prepared by the American Academy of Pediatrics with the assistance of the Health Insurance Association of America. This bill was endorsed by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners. As of June, 1974, this bill was law in 17 states and pending in 10 more. Considering that the model was developed in November, 1973, its popularity and passage in this many states is remarkable.

IDENTICAL TO SB 141

FISCAL NOTE - NO RATE IMPACT ON STATE SINCE STATE COVERAGE MEETS REQUIREMENTS OF THIS BILL

WRITER'S SIGNATURE: [Signature]
WRITER'S TITLE: Director
(DEADLINE 24 hours)