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**THE ALASKA PARAMEDIC ASSOCIATION**  
P.O. BOX 4-478 ANCHORAGE, ALASKA 99509

April 11, 1978

Mr. Charles Parr  
Pouch V  
Juneau, Alaska  
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Dear Representative Parr:

The Alaska Paramedical Association is an organization of persons interested in improving emergency medical care in Alaska. It has come to our attention that your committee is currently considering emergency medical legislation.

After evaluating House Bills 896 and 897, the Alaska Paramedical Association would like to go on record as fully supporting both of these critical bills. The lack of emergency medical service regulation in this State has severely hampered the comprehensive development of EMS. Without a uniform approach to EMS, serious problems will develop. Right now anyone can establish a pre-hospital care activity, staff it with substandard personnel and equipment, and still represent themselves as an adequate service. If we are to truly assist our fellow residents, we must insure that the best possible training and equipment are available. One wrong procedure in removing a victim from an automobile wreck could result in permanent paralysis or death. It is estimated that a single spinal injury costs \$750,000 to rehabilitate. Proper prehospital care is the single most important event in precluding these injuries.

We must have your support if we are to improve our services to the patient. I and all the members of the Alaska Paramedical Association urge you and your colleagues to approve House Bills 896 and 897. We promise that this money will be well spent and show an improvement in Alaskan health care.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

David Decker,  
President  
Alaska Paramedical Association  
P.O. Box 900  
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March 10, 1978  
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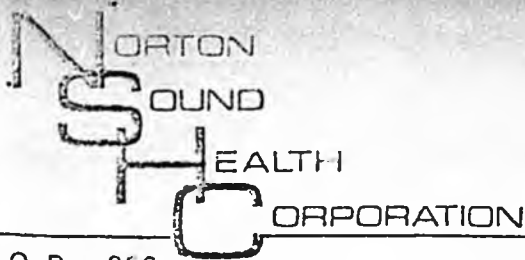
Alaska State House of Representatives  
Pouch V State Capitol Bldg.  
Juneau, AK. 99811

Dear CLARK GRUENING:

MR. LA FEVERS came to our class and talked about EMT's. What if I get hurt, I don't want know meat wagon picking me up if they do not know what they're doing. They could kill me. They might give me some medicine and they might not know what it is. He showed us some video tapes and talked to us how people go and get a license so they pick up people and don't know what to do. So for our protection would you please pass a Bill so other people could have more training.

Sincerely,

Dawn K. Manley



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Nome, Alaska 99762

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March 29, 1978

Representative Charlie Parr  
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Juneau, Alaska 99811

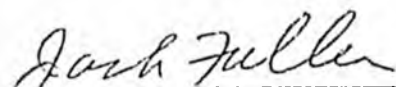
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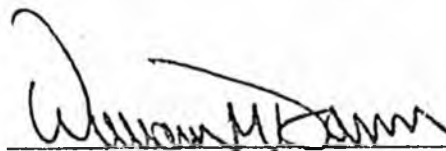
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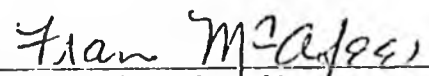
The Norton Sound Health Corporation expresses its support of House Bill No. 897 appropriating \$500,000 from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Social Services to meet expenses of operations and training of the EMT Training Program and to provide grants-in-aid for the support of emergency medical services.

Due to the vastness of Alaska and the limited federal dollars available we urge the immediate passage of House Bill No. 897 if we are to develop a medivac system capable of saving lives and reducing injuries.

Sincerely,

  
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Jack Fuller, Chairman  
Board of Directors  
Norton Sound Health Corporation

  
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William M. Dann, Executive Director  
Norton Sound Health Corporation

  
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Fran McAfee, Coordinator  
Emergency Medical Services  
Norton Sound Health Corporation

cc: Myrtle Johnson, Office of the Governor  
Nome

- Research status of bill referred to (if not an appropriate)
- inform Stephen & details of bill (copy of bill) etc.
- draft letter in support.

March 14, 1978

Representative Clark Gruening  
Pouch V  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Mr. Gruening:

It has come to my attention that a bill to provide state funds to help improve emergency medical services is soon to be considered by the State legislature. Research has shown that rapid response to the scene of sickness or injury greatly reduces needless suffering or death. Unfortunately, here in Alaska there are numerous areas where neither quick response nor adequately trained personnel are possible due to the lack of locally available funding sources. I believe that the people of Alaska have the right to expect proper medical treatment and that the State Government should assist in making such care possible.

Of particular concern to me is the proper training of Emergency Medical Technicians. Without a well trained group of EMT's it is impossible to provide suitable emergency care. The Southern Region Emergency Medical Services Council, a nonprofit corporation, has developed a traveling EMT training program which has greatly assisted in the development of ambulance personnel throughout the area and the state.

We believe that of all places, in Alaska where the emergency care provider must often be the sole care provider not for just minutes, but sometimes for hours or days, he must be well trained. He should be given his background in medical care from people who have a background in medical care. He must be taught not merely to act mechanically, but to understand what he is doing and why he is doing it. And he must be able to progress, to learn more, to become better at his job through continued education, refresher training and training advances whenever feasible and desirable.

I believe that the Southern Region EMS Council is best able to fill the training requirements of the Emergency personnel of Alaska. Their record and the testimony of the people they have trained and places where they have worked to improve emergency care will attest to that. Unfortunately, this program is funded by federal grants and there is a distinct possibility that these federal funds will not be available in the future.

The chances of surviving a serious illness or accident without suffering prolonged pain and/or permanent physical disability or death are improving. But there is still a long way to go. I urge you for my sake, for your sake, and for the sake of all Alaskans to support the bill to provide state funds for the development of Emergency Care systems in Alaska, and particularly for the continued development and training of EMT's by the Southern Region EMS Council.

Sincerely,



Stephen Lallevers

Voter Registration #02480192

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Anch, Ak. 9950  
March. 14, --78

Alaska State House of Representatives  
Pouch U State Capitol Bldg.  
Juneau, Ak. 99811

Dear Clark Gruening,

Tuesday March 7, 1978 Mr. Lafzvers  
came into our classroom & talked about E.M.T.s,  
Emergency Medical Technicians. I would  
like you to pass a law to all the cities to have  
E.M.T.s instead of meat wagons. Thank  
YOU

Sincerely,

Willie Wilpink

Even starting

Sincerely

Mr. Liffers came to talk to us about E.M.T.s. Emergency medical technicians. I would like you to pass the law that every town should have E.M.T.s. I don't think you or anyone would like to get picked up by a meat wagon. A meat wagon is a station wagon and some body with a license. Please pass the law that every town should have E.M.T. trainers.

Dear Clark Greening

Timothy, R.K., 99511

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Alaska State House of Representative

March 14, 1976

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923 E 11th St

THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
TENTH LEGISLATURE

FISCAL NOTE

I. REQUEST

Bill/Resolution No. HB 897  
Title Special appropriation \$500,000, Emergency Medical Services  
Requested by House HESS Committee Date 4/10/78

II. FISCAL DETAIL

Agency Affected Health and Social Services  
Program Category Affected Health  
Budget Request Unit(s) Affected Emergency Medical Services

EXPENDITURES (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 78	FY 79	FY 80	FY 81	FY 82	FY 83
100 PERSONAL SERVICES	/					
200 TRAVEL						
300 CONTRACTUAL		35.0				
400 COMMODITIES						
500 EQUIPMENT						
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC.		465.0	500.0	500.0	500.0	500.0
TOTAL						

FUNDING (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 78	FY 79	FY 80	FY 81	FY 82	FY 83
GENERAL FUND		500.0	500.0	500.0	500.0	500.0
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER (Specify)						

POSITIONS

	FY 78	FY 79	FY 80	FY 81	FY 82	FY 83
FULL TIME		0				
PART TIME		0				
TEMPORARY		0				

III. ANALYSIS (See Fiscal Note Preparation Instructions, Section III)

This analysis is based on the total FY79 grant request for Emergency Medical Services of \$1,240.5 to carry out the following programs. Maintain the Emergency Medical Services Section to plan and coordinate the implementation of statewide Emergency Medical Services System. The State will award 1203(2) grants to the Nana and Southeast Regions to complete their implementation of a Basic Life Support (BLS) System. A grant will be awarded to South-central Region (consisting of Bristol Bay, Yukon-Kuskokwim, Bering Straits, and Southern Regions) for a cooperative effort to begin development of a Basic Life Support system for the entire area. Additionally the state will award a 1203(3) grant to the Interior Region and a one-year extension to complete their establishment of a BLS System, including a reimburseable services agreement with Division of Communications for the installation of equipment to

IV. DATE 4/12/78 PREPARED BY Thomas D. Scott  
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Prime Sponsor (First Legislator Named)

extend ambulance to hospital radio coverage from Fairbanks down the highway to Northway. (The Interior Region has exhausted its eligibility for 1203 federal funds for BLS implementation, but still has a year's work left to complete implementation before moving on to advanced life support planning and implementation). A grant will be awarded to the Southern Region Emergency Medical Services Council, Inc. based in Anchorage, to continue the statewide training and refresher training of Emergency Medical Technicians. Two contracts for additional statewide programs would be let. An ambulance reporting data system would be designed by the Data Services Unit, Department of Health and Social Services. A statewide air ambulance survey would be conducted to investigate emergency medical evacuations and to evaluate the impact if proposed FAA regulations are promulgated requiring all air services providing emergency evacuations to have medical personnel and equipment.

Based on funding levels for the past three years and indications from DHEW/EMS, Region 4, the state anticipates that it will receive \$740. in federal funds for FY79.

The following detailed analysis shows how the general fund appropriation will be used to supplement the federal funds.

<u>Category</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Federal</u>	<u>Total</u>
Personal Services		154.7	154.7
Indirect Cost Rate		17.6	17.6
Travel		39.9	39.9
Contractual			
Rent, phone, etc.		17.6	17.6
Statewide programs*		72.0	72.0
RSA, Divn. Commun.	35.0		35.0
Data System		17.5	17.5
Air Ambulance Survey		50.0	50.0
Fuel, maintenance, Healy & Cooper Landing Ambulances	.5		.5
Supplies		2.5	2.5
Grants			
Mauneluk Assoc. Nana			
Region 1203(2)	30.0	73.0	103.0
Southeast EMS 1203(2)	90.0	205.2	295.2
Southcentral 1202(1)	90.0	90.0	180.0
Interior EMS 1203(3)	85.0		85.0
Statewide EMT Training	170.0		170.0
Total	500.5	740.0	1240.5

(\*Includes Annual EMS and EDNA Symposium [12.0], Critical Care Consultants [24.0], Medical Director [24.0], Newsletter [9.0], A-V purchases and slide show [3.0])

"An Act making a special appropriation to the Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Public Health, for expenses of the Emergency Medical Services Section and to provide grants-in-aid for the support of emergency medical services; and providing for an effective date."

The Emergency Medical Services Section has been charged with coordinating the development of emergency medical services in the State of Alaska. To this point in time the program has been funded with grants from the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare under Title XII of the Public Health Service Act, "Emergency Medical Services Systems". The only state general fund appropriation has been \$500 for gas and oil for the ambulances at Healy and Cooper Landing. (Title XII funds cannot be used for this purpose.)

The Act provides funds for Emergency Medical Service Systems on a regional basis. The program seeks to upgrade and organize all of those components necessary to care for the emergency facilities, critical care units, public safety agencies, transfer agreements, coordinated recordkeeping, consumer information and education, disaster linkage, mutual aid agreements, and evaluation of care.

For the purposes of this program the State has been divided into eight regions with each region eligible for up to six years of federal support divided into the following phases:

- (1) Feasibility studies and planning, 1 year (1202)(1)
- (2) Establishment and initial operation, 2 years (1203)
- (3) Planning for expansion, 1 year (1202) (2)
- (4) Expansion and Improvement, 2 years (1204)

The attached map shows the current status. The federal funds are seed funds and cannot be used to support the delivery of services.

The grant applications for FY 79 have recently been submitted to Region X for consideration. The applications request a total of \$1,236,672 and would provide funds for the following.

- (1) 1203 (2) grant to Southeast EMS Council Inc. in the amount of \$295,215.
- (2) 1203 (2) grant to Mauncluk Association in the amount of \$102,702.
- (3) 1202 (1) grant to Southern Region EMS to plan for the four Southcentral Regions: Bering Straits, Yukon-Kuskokwim, Bristol Bay and Southern. The amount requested is \$180,000.

- (4) 1202 (2) grant to Physician Services in Fairbanks to plan for the expansion and improvement of the Interior Regional EMS System in the amount of \$117,260.
- (5) Statewide EMT training grant to Southern Region EMS Council, Inc. in the amount of \$170,000.
- (6) Staff the EMS Section, Division of Public Health and the State EMS Advisory Council in the amount of \$231,955.
- (7) Miscellaneous contracts in the amount of \$139,500.

The outlook for receiving all of the funds requested is very poor. The indications are that there will be no funds available for 1202 (2) grants anywhere in the country this year. This means that the Interior Region program will go into limbo. Region X has indicated that there will be approximately \$700,000 to fund the rest of the program with priority going to 1203 grants for Southeast and Nana and support of the State staff and programs. However, the statewide EMT Training program would be a low funding priority as the funds are for system development and federal support for the training program has been available from USDOT and DHEW for six years. Therefore, Region X feels the program should be self-supporting or, if not, it should be supported from other funds.

Should this appropriation pass, the Department would recommend that it be used to fund those portions of the FY 79 grant request not funded by DHEW.

The Department of Health and Social Services supports the concept House Bill No. 897 but cannot recommend increases above the Governor's budget.

Recommended by:

Robert I. Fraser, M.D.  
Director, Div. Public Health

30 Mar 78  
Date

Approved by:

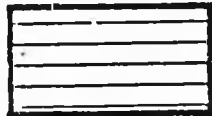
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Helen D. Beirne, Commissioner  
Department of Health and Social Services

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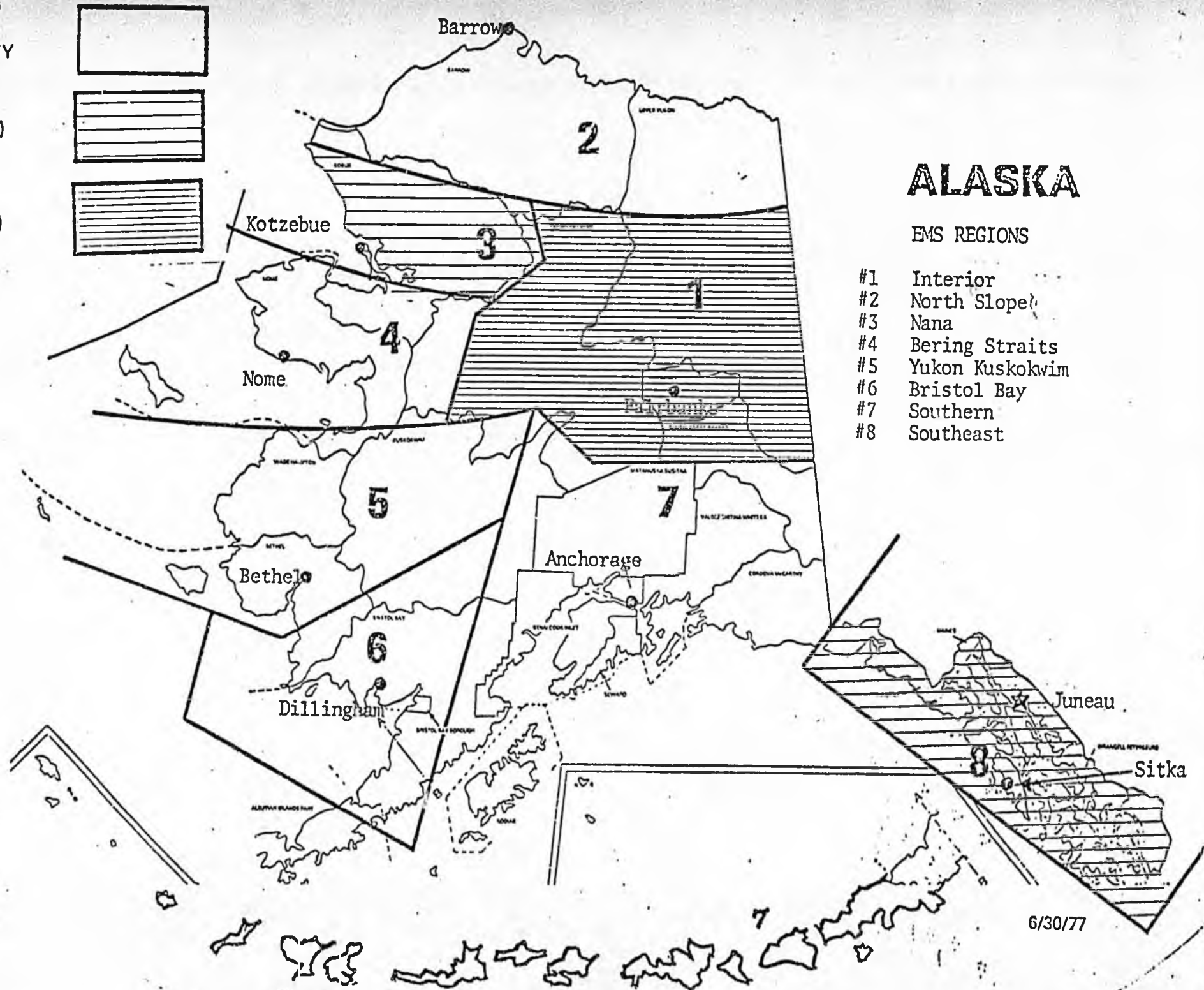


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EMS REGIONS

- #1 Interior
- #2 North Slope
- #3 Nana
- #4 Bering Straits
- #5 Yukon Kuskokwim
- #6 Bristol Bay
- #7 Southern
- #8 Southeast

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