

SB

51

COMMITTEE REPORT

2-11-77

HOUSE

_____ Date

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on HESS has had SB 51

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
- AND attaches a report of its intent
- (other) _____

MEMBERS SIGNING THE MAJORITY REPORT:

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

MEMBERS NOT CONCURRING IN THE MAJORITY REPORT:

_____	recommends: _____
_____	recommends: _____
_____	recommends: _____

_____ Chairman

A M E N D M E N T

OFFERED IN THE HOUSE:

By: HOUSE: HPSS

To: _____ HOUSE BILL No. _____

SENATE BILL No. 51

PAGE: 1

LINE: 17

Page 1, line 17 the number "50" be changed to "51"

Senate Bill No. 51

An act relating to hospitals

This bill would change payment of licensing fees and would correct the definition of a hospital.

Sec. 18.20.030 APPLICATION AND FEES. Processing costs for issuing licenses have greatly increased but the State's revenue for this activity has not. Eliminating a fixed, "one-time" application fee of \$10 and establishing a flexible fee as determined by the department will provide a greater source of revenue to the state by reflecting more nearly current costs for licensing activities.

Sec. 18.20.040. ISSUANCE AND RENEWAL OF LICENSE AND POSTING. Activities related to renewing licenses are now much more involved and therefore cost more. In processing a hospital license application, it is necessary for a Health Facilities Surveyor to travel to the facility, survey it, note any deficiencies, and properly document them. Detailed statements of such deficiencies are given to the hospital and consultation for correction of deficiencies is provided on request. This is a continuing process, yet no provision exists for getting a continuing source of revenue for such activities. This amendment would establish an annual renewal fee at the same rate as that established for the initial fee.

Sec. AS 18.20.130(1). The revised definition specifically includes both a public or private establishment which provides care for 24 hours each day, rather than a minimum of 24 hours a week as stated previously. The prior language was most likely an inadvertent typographical error, as no facility offering acute care could operate for only 24 hours per week.

The department supports this bill.

Recommended by:

Robert I. Fraser
Robert I. Fraser, M.D.
Director
Division of Public Health

Recommended by:

Anna M. Wenzel 1/25/77
Anna M. Wenzel, Chief
Health Facilities
Certification and Licensing
DATE

Approved By:

Francis S.L. Williamson 1/26/77
Francis S.L. Williamson
Commissioner
Department of Health & Social Services
DATE

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Helen Beirne, Commissioner
Department of Health & Social Services

DATE: June 6, 1978

FILE NO

Thru: *RF* Dr. Robert Fraser, Director
Division of Public Health

TELEPHONE NO.

FROM: Anna M. Wenzel, Chief *CLC*
Health Facilities *AMW*
Certification and Licensing

SUBJECT: Senate Bill No. 51

As requested by Ms. Janice Gates of your office, on extremely short notice, the following information is provided in support of subject bill:

This bill will resolve three current problems:

First, the fee for licensing such facilities has not been changed since 1949. It may have defrayed costs when licensing was done entirely by mail, but not today when licensing is authorized only after a very indepth and comprehensive survey of two to three days duration. Even at best, these very minimal increases will only cover part of the costs of the State Surveyor(s) time.

Second, it will provide for additional income in years subsequent to the initial licensing of a facility to help defray the costs of the State Surveyor(s) time.

And lastly, it will correct a gross error written into the original definition of a hospital which if allowed to stand as written would jeopardize the basic concept of a hospital.

AMW:CLC:sb

Bed Categories

- 0-50 -
- Cordova Community Hospital
 - Central Peninsula General Hospital
 - Faith Hospital
 - Kodiak Island Hospital
 - Norton Sound Regional Hospital
 - Petersburg General Hospital
 - Seward General Hospital
 - Sitka Community Hospital
 - South Peninsula Hospital
 - St. Ann's Nursing Home - ICF
 - Valdez Community Hospital
 - Valley Hospital
 - Wrangell General Hospital and Long Term Care Facility (SNF/ICF)

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- Anchorage Pioneers Home } ICF
- Fairbanks Pioneers Home } ICF
- Ocean Park Cottage } ICF/MR's
- Hope Park Cottage } ICF/MR's

- 51-124 -
- Bartlett Memorial Hospital } 2
 - Ketchikan General Hospital and Island View Manor } 2

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- Careage House Health Care Center - ICF
- Careage North Health Care Center - SNF/ICF
- Glenmore Health Care Center - SNF
- Harborview Developmental Center - ICF/MR's
- Palmer Pioneers Home } 2
- Sitka Pioneers Home } 2
- Wesleyan Nursing Home, Inc. - SNF

- 125 or more -
- The Alaska Hospital and Medical Center, Inc. } 4
 - Alaska Psychiatric Institute } 4
 - Fairbanks Memorial Hospital } 4
 - Providence Hospital } 4

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PROVIDENCE HOSPITAL



3200 Providence Drive
Anchorage, Alaska 99504

276-4511

March 31, 1977

Ms. Rochelle MacKinnon
Administrative Assistant
Health, Education & Social Services Committee
State of Alaska
Pouch V
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Ms. MacKinnon:

Providence Hospital endorses Senate Bill 51 with a minor suggestion. Where beds are designated, #1 should be changed to 49, or #2 should be changed to 51, so that hospitals which have 50 beds know which amount they have to pay.

As I recall, the Alaska State Hospital Association has also endorsed the bill.

Thank you for requesting our input. We hope that as other pertinent health care issues arise you will keep us informed and continue asking for our commentary.

Sincerely,


AL M. CAMOSSO
Administrator

AMC/pkc

February 16, 1977

Fairbanks Memorial Hospital
1650 Cowles
Fairbanks, Alaska 99701

RE: SB 51

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Sincerely,

Rochelle MacKinnon
Administrative Assistant

RPM
Enclosure

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Sincerely,

Jay S. Hammond
Governor

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FISCAL NOTE

I. REQUEST

Bill/Resolution No. _____
 Title LICENSING FEE INCREASE FOR HOSPITALS
 Requested by BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT Date 12/13/76

II. FISCAL DETAIL

Agency Affected HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES
 Program Category Affected HEALTH
 Budget Request Unit(s) Affected CERTIFICATION AND LICENSING

EXPENDITURES (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 77	FY 78	FY 79	FY 80	FY 81	FY 82
100 PERSONAL SERVICES						
200 TRAVEL						
300 CONTRACTUAL						
400 COMMODITIES						
500 EQUIPMENT						
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC.						
TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0

FUNDING (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 77	FY 78	FY 79	FY 80	FY 81	FY 82
GENERAL FUND						
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER (Specify)						

POSITIONS

	FY 77	FY 78	FY 79	FY 80	FY 81	FY 82
FULL TIME	0	0	0	0	0	0
PART TIME						
TEMPORARY						

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

No increased cost is anticipated from this legislation.

Donald S. McClenaghan

IV. DATE 12/13/76 PREPARED BY DONALD S. MCCLLENAGHAN
 AGENCY DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH
 PHONE 465-3093

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

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by all members
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in Senate HESS

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Rocky -
pls let me know
of Senate Comm reports
& final vote on this
Charlie
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Rocky