

HB

594

**Municipality
of
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HB 594

MUNICIPAL HEALTH COMMISSION

April 28, 1978

Joseph McKinnon, Chairman
House Commerce Committee
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Dear Mr. McKinnon:

The Municipal Health Commission has reviewed and made a recommendation on HB 594 that is presently in your committee.

The Municipal Health Commission is a 33 member, community based group of concerned citizens. The Commission reviews community health issues, grants, problems, and legislation and makes recommendations to the Municipal, State and Federal governments and legislative bodies, the general public, and the Regional Health Systems Agency. The Commission membership must meet rigid legal requirements that assure broad demographic and occupational representation, as well as a consumer majority.

Attached is the review and recommendation on HB 594 as approved by the Municipal Health Commission on April 26, 1978. We hope that your committee will consider our review and recommendation before making a decision on this bill.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Charles Rigden, Chairman
Municipal Health Commission

Attachment

LEGISLATIVE REVIEW & RECOMMENDATIONS
OF THE MUNICIPAL HEALTH COMMISSION /

1. BILL NUMBER AND TOPIC: House Bill 594 - No Fault Motor Vehicle Insurance.
2. WHAT IS THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE BILL? Presently in House Commerce with an additional referral to House Judiciary.
WHAT IS THE TIME FRAME FOR INFLUENCING THE BILL'S OUTCOME BY THIS COMMITTEE OR COMMISSION? This legislative session.
3. WHAT DOES THE BILL DO? Provides for personal protection insurance benefits without regard to fault in a motor vehicle accident and requires personal protection coverage for those operating a motor vehicle in Alaska.
4. WHO DOES IT AFFECT? People operating a motor vehicle in the State of Alaska.
5. HOW MUCH DOES IT COST? Unknown.
6. IS IT DIRECTED TO A SPECIFIC GEOGRAPHIC AREA? No.
7. IT IS DIRECTED TO A SPECIFIC GROUP? Yes.
WHO? People operating a motor vehicle in the State of Alaska.
8. WHAT ARE ITS STRENGTHS? 1) Reduces court hearing costs by reduction in number of litigations, 2) May reduce cost of motor vehicle insurance, 3) Is a more efficient way of dealing with insurance.
9. WHAT ARE ITS DRAWBACKS, WEAKNESSES? Enforcement - need monitoring devices to assure compliance with the required personal protection insurance coverage i.e. require proof of insurance when registering a motor vehicle and police checking insurance status when other violation citations are written.
10. IS THE IDEA NEW? No.
ARE THERE PRECEDENTS? No.
11. HOW WOULD THIS BILL AFFECT THE ANCHORAGE HEALTH SERVICES PLAN? Would strengthen the plan by resulting in fewer people receiving medical care from public funds due to injuries incurred in a motor vehicle accident.
12. WHAT IS THE COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION? That HB 594 become law with the condition that the Motor Vehicle Division develop mechanisms for enforcement of the required personal protection insurance coverage.