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POSITION PAPER
SENATE BILL 761

"An Act providing for display of a licensee's blood group on a driver's license."

WHAT THE BILL WOULD DO

This bill would make permissive the entry of a motor vehicle operator's blood type on the driver's license.

DISCUSSION

The presumed rationale for this amendment to AS 28.15 is to facilitate the replacement of blood loss in trauma or other emergency blood loss circumstances. This Department has checked with several providers of emergency medical care and has discovered that this additional information would rarely, if ever, be used. The immediate volume expansion is always with substances that do not require knowledge of the persons blood type. The next step in an emergency blood loss situation is to give "type 0 negative" blood which is know as the "universal donor" because it does not create problems upon administration to the vast majority (98%) of persons.

Blood banks within hospitals would be very reluctant from a liability standpoint to rely on this information without checking the recipients type and then performing a cross-match. There are the problems of error in recording this data on the license and the possibility of stolen licenses.

In summation, there are no substantial benefits and several drawbacks to this legislation.

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Date: March 8, 1982

Approved by: Helen O. Beirne
Helen Beirne, Commissioner
Dept. of Health & Social Services

Date: 3-10-82

THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWELFTH LEGISLATURE

FISCAL NOTE

I. REQUEST

Bill/Resolution No. Senate Bill 761
 Title "An Act providing for display of a licensee's blood group on a driver's licens
 Requested by Commissioner's Office Date 3/1/82

II. FISCAL DETAIL

Agency Affected Department of Health and Social Services
 Program Category Affected Health/Public Health
 BRU, Program, Or Subprogram(s) Affected Child & Family Health
 (Note: If more than one budget component is affected, separate line-item amounts and funding for each component in the analysis section.)

EXPENDITURES (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 82	FY 83	FY 84	FY 85	FY 86	FY 87
100 PERSONAL SERVICES	0	0	0	0	0	0
200 TRAVEL	0	0	0	0	0	0
300 CONTRACTUAL	0	0	0	0	0	0
400 COMMODITIES	0	0	0	0	0	0
500 EQUIPMENT	0	0	0	0	0	0
600 LAND & STRUCTURES	0	0	0	0	0	0
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC.	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0

FUNDING (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND	0	0	0	0	0	0
FEDERAL FUNDS	0	0	0	0	0	0
OTHER (Specify Source)	0	0	0	0	0	0

POSITIONS

FULL TIME	0	0	0	0	0	0
PART TIME	0	0	0	0	0	0
TEMPORARY	0	0	0	0	0	0

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

IV. DATE March 1, 1982 PREPARED BY David A. Spence, M.D.
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