

SB

252

No. 290

STATE OF ALASKA 1987 LEGISLATIVE SESSION
FISCAL NOTE

Revision Date: 4-27-87

REQUEST

FISCAL DETAIL

Bill/Resolution No. : SB 252
Title : Client - Psychologist Confidentiality

Agency Affected: _____
BRU: _____

Sponsor : Jospehson
Requestor : _____
Date of Request : _____

Components : _____

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES : (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 87	FY 88	FY 89	FY 90	FY 91	FY 92
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	0	0	0	0	0	0

CAPITAL	0	0	0	0	0	0
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REVENUE	0	0	0	0	0	0
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FUNDING : (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND						
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0

POSITIONS :

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

ANALYSIS :

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Date : 4/25/87

Approved by Commissioner : _____
Agency : _____

Date : _____

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SB 252 "An Act relating to communications to a psychologist or psychological associate by a client."

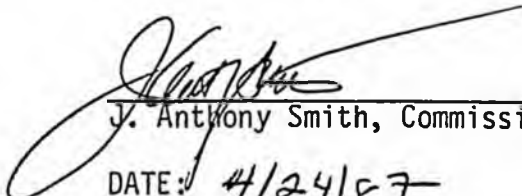
SB 252 provides for exceptions to confidential communications between psychologists or psychological associates and their clients. The Department of Commerce and Economic Development supports both the need for confidential communication and the need for the exemptions identified in this bill. The department would, however, recommend amending Section 1(5) to read:

(5) proceedings conducted by the board or the department where the disclosure of confidential communications is necessary to defend against charges [BY THE CLIENT] that the psychologist or psychological associate has violated provisions of this chapter.

Accepted

The word "department" is included in order to clarify that investigators of the department who act on behalf of the board can subpoena records or discuss allegations. The second change which takes out [BY THE CLIENT] is needed in order to exempt confidential communication when someone other than the client has alleged a violation of the chapter. For example, one psychologist may report another psychologist for misconduct.

In summary, the department would support this legislation if Section 1(5) were clarified.



J. Anthony Smith, Commissioner
DATE: 4/24/87