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### Memorandum

DATE: February 14, 2001

TO: Representative Fred Dyson  
Chair, House Health, Education & Social Services Committee

FROM: Representative Hugh Fate 

SUBJECT: Bill Hearing Request

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I respectfully request House Bill 91 be heard in the House Health, Education & Social Services Committee. This bill adds a physician assistant to the State Medical Board and changes the quorum for meetings, from four to five members. Please contact my office at 465-4976 if you have any questions.

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SUBJECT: Teleconference Request, House Bill 91

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I would like to request that the House Health, Education and Social Services Committee meeting on House Bill 91 be teleconferenced. The sites to be connected would be the Anchorage and Fairbanks Legislative Information Office's (LIO). At this time the people to testify would be Mr. Ed Hall, President of the Alaska Academy of Physician Assistants, from the Anchorage LIO and Mr. Tom Wilson PA-C, a physician assistant with Chest Medicine Fairbanks PC, from the Fairbanks LIO. Catherine Reardon, the Director of Occupational Licensing, may testify in committee. I will update the list if anyone else signs up to testify. Please contact my office at 465-4976 if you have any questions.

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House Bill 91 "An Act relating to the membership and quorum requirements of the State Medical Board."

SPONSOR: Representative Hugh Fate

### SPONSOR STATEMENT:

House Bill 91 is based on a request brought forward by the Alaska Academy of Physician Assistants. The Alaska State Medical Board supports House Bill 91. House Bill 91 adds one licensed physician assistant to the State Medical Board and changes the quorum for meetings, from four to five members.

Currently, there is no representation of physician assistant licensees to the Board even though consideration of physician assistant licensure, regulations and discipline are frequent topics. Physician Assistants are also an increasingly significant factor in providing medical care. Participation of a physician assistant would strengthen and support the State Medical Board and contribute to its decision-making process by providing valuable opinions representing a wider spectrum of medical practitioners in Alaska.

# FISCAL NOTE

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Fiscal Note Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bill Version: HB 91  
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Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): 2/09/2001 3:10p.m. Dept. Affected: DCED  
 Title: An Act relating to the membership and quorum requirements of the State Medical Board BRU: Occupational Licensing  
 Component: Occupational Licensing  
 Sponsor: Representative Fate  
 Requester: House Labor and Commerce Component Number: 2360

**Expenditures/Revenues** (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
Personal Services						
Travel	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>3.0</b>

<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>						
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<b>CHANGE IN REVENUES ( )</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>3.0</b>
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**FUND SOURCE** (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
1156 RSS	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>3.0</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY2001) cost: 0.0

**POSITIONS**

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

**ANALYSIS:** (Attach a separate page if necessary)  
 HB 91 adds one physician assistant to the membership of the State Medical Board. The Board meets four times each year and costs shown on this fiscal note will fund travel for the physician assistant position when attending board meetings throughout the State.

Prepared by: Jennifer Strickler, Administrative Manager Phone (907) 465-2144  
 Division: Occupational Licensing Date/Time 2/09/2001 3:10p.m.  
 Approved by: Commissioner Deborah B. Sedwick Date 2/9/2001  
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February 1, 2001

Mr. Jim Jordan  
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Dear Mr. Jordan:

I am with the Alaska Academy of Physician Assistants and am sending you some information regarding adding a Physician Assistant to the State Medical Board. As an academy we have been working towards this for four years. We have committed funds to send selected representatives to the quarterly meetings of the Medical Board. A physician assistant from Fairbanks (Tom Wilson) and myself are the designees to attend these meetings on an alternate basis. We have attended the last two meetings together working on our proposal. I am sending you a copy of our proposal and a letter from the State Medical Board supporting our proposal. At the last board meeting in Juneau, Tom Wilson and myself spent three days lobbying for this change and I am happy to report that it is now a proposed bill in the House and Senate (HB 91 and SB 58). So far we have not come across anyone or any group opposed to the proposal.

We would like to have the support of the Alaska State Medical Society which is my reason for writing you. If you could disseminate this information to the members somehow we would appreciate it. I would be happy to address the next membership meeting if necessary. I would also be willing to meet with you or talk with you if you have any questions. This proposal would create a minimal fiscal note (est. of \$3000). We are hoping to have the support of all those MD's who collaborate with PA's as well as any other MD's who would be willing to write letters to their representatives in support of the bill.

Thank you for your help. I look forward to hearing from you.

Regards,

*Ed Hall PA-C*

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The purpose of this Academy is to render loyal and honest service to the medical profession and to the public, to develop and enforce continuing educational programs for the Physician Assistant and the Academy membership, to promote the Physician Assistant concept through education of professional and lay people, and to promote similar interest in the student societies.



**DON DOKKEN**  
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**JAY QUAKENBUSH**  
Secretary/Treasurer

January 30, 2001

The Honorable Governor Tony Knowles  
P.O. Box 110001  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Governor Knowles,

We have become aware that the Alaska Academy of Physician Assistants are lobbying for a Physician Assistant to be appointed to the State Medical Board. The Fairbanks Building and Construction Trade Council would like to express our endorsement of this idea.

Physician Assistants provide valuable medical care to thousands of our Union members and to the public at large. They will provide fair representation of their patients that reside through out the State, and contribute valuable knowledge and opinions to the State Medical Board.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Don Dokken  
President

Fairbanks Building & Construction Trades Council



Tom Wilson, P.A.-C  
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**Addition of One Physician Assistant to State Medical Board**

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WHEREAS there are 250 physician assistant licensees of the State Medical Board. Physician assistants have been licensees for more than twenty years.

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Ed Hall  
President  
Anchorage, AK

WHEREAS there is currently no representation of physician assistant licensees to the State Medical Board.

Jeanne Clark  
President Elect  
Fairbanks, AK

WHEREAS consideration of physician assistant licensure, regulations and discipline are frequent topics of the State Medical Board and physician assistant participation would strengthen, enhance and support State Medical Board decision-making process.

Wendy Hladick  
Past President  
Dillingham, AK

WHEREAS physician assistants care for over 50,000 Alaskans every month, in a wide variety of institutions, and would therefore provide good representation of their patients (the public) towards matters before the State Medical Board.

Jim Wojcichowski  
Vice President  
Dillingham, AK

WHEREAS physician assistants have proven interest and active participation in State Medical Board business by virtue of their active attendance at State Medical Board meetings for over four years.

Patricia Brown  
Secretary-Treasurer  
Anchorage, AK

WHEREAS physician assistants as licensees of the State Medical Board will contribute valuable opinions which will represent a wider spectrum of medical practitioners in Alaska.

Don Hussen  
2-Year Board Member  
Fairbanks, AK

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alaska Academy of Physician Assistants wishes to amend Article I State Medical Board, Section 08.64.010, Creation and Membership of State Medical Board, to state "The Governor shall appoint a board of medical examiners, to be known as the State Medical Board, consisting of five physicians, ONE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT, licensed in the State and residing in as many as separate geographical areas of the State as possible, and two persons with no direct financial interest in the healthcare industry."

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*January 19, 2001*

*Ed Hall, PA-C, President  
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*Mr. Hall, I am pleased to advise you that at its meeting of January 18, 2001, the Alaska State Medical Board voted unanimously to support the Academy in its effort to provide for the inclusion of a physician assistant to the membership of the board.*

*The board appreciates the efforts of the members of the Academy and wishes you every success in pursuing this change to the board*

*Sarah A. Isto, M.D.*

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*Chair*

*Alaska State Medical Board*







