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"An Act establishing the Alaska Health Reform Policy Commission in the Department of Health and Social Services; and providing for an effective date."

House Bill 407 establishes the Alaska Health Reform Policy Commission in the Department of Health and Social Services for the purpose of developing comprehensive policy that better meets the current long-range healthcare needs in the state. The commission is to consider the entire spectrum of health care related issues in the state and formulate specific policy recommendations to be considered by the legislature and the executive branch.

The Commission integrates executive management from the Department of Health and Social Services, legislatively appointed professionals in their fields of expertise and ex-officio nonvoting advisory members from the legislative and executive branches.

The Commission is structured to facilitate objective and innovative thinking. All members must have demonstrated leadership and accomplishment in specialized disciplines or enterprises and possess unquestioned ability to directly influence policy direction within the appointee's area of expertise.

The Commission is established for a period of five years. It is required to submit an annual report to the legislature and governor by December 15 of each year. The initial report must include a five-year strategic plan with prioritized, targeted, and defined objectives as well as an evaluation of the strengths, weaknesses, and relative performance of health care services and conditions in Alaska.

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Sectional Analysis

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Section 1: Findings and intent section.

Section 2: Establishes the Alaska Health Reform Policy Commission. Sets out composition, appointment process, meeting procedures, duties and staff. Also requires an annual report and specifies the deadline for the report and what should be included in the report.

Section 3: Adds the executive director of the Commission to AS 39.25.120, which lists state employees who are classified as partially exempt under the State Personnel Act.

Section 4: Repeals the Commission on July 1, 2014.

Section 5: Immediate effective date.

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Changes in work draft 25-LS1533\E

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Changes between HB 407 as introduced and the work draft committee substitute 25-LS1533\E dated 2/22/2008.

Modifies proposed AS 18.09.020 to move the appointment authority for the commission members, other than the commissioner of health and social services, from the governor to the presiding officers. Also clarifies the qualifications of commission members.

Moves the deadline for the annual report, required in proposed AS 18.09.050, from January 15 to December 15.

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