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Chapter No.

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AN ACT

Relating to powers and duties of guardians.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

THE ACT FOLLOWS ON PAGE 1, LINE 8

UNDERLINED MATERIAL INDICATES TEXT THAT IS BEING ADDED TO THE LAW AND BRACKETED MATERIAL IN CAPITAL LETTERS INDICATES DELETIONS FROM THE LAW; COMPLETELY NEW TEXT OR MATERIAL REPEALED AND RE-ENACTED IS IDENTIFIED IN THE INTRODUCTORY LINE OF EACH BILL SECTION.

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Relating to powers and duties of guardians.

* Section 1. AS 13.26.150(e) is amended to read:

(e) A guardian may not

(1) place the ward in a facility or institution for the mentally ill other than through a formal commitment proceeding under AS 47.30 in which the ward has a separate guardian ad litem;

(2) consent on behalf of the ward to an abortion, sterilization, psychosurgery, or removal of bodily organs except when necessary to preserve the life or prevent serious impairment of the physical health of the ward;

(3) consent on behalf of the ward to the withholding of lifesaving [LIFE-SAVING] medical procedures; however, a guardian is not required to oppose the cessation or withholding of lifesaving medical procedures when those procedures will serve only to prolong the dying process and offer no reasonable expectation of effecting a temporary or permanent cure of or relief from the illness or condition being treated unless the ward has clearly stated that lifesaving medical procedures not be withheld; a guardian is not civilly liable for acts or omissions under this paragraph unless the act or omission constitutes gross negligence or reckless or intentional misconduct;

(4) consent on behalf of the ward to the performance of an experimental medical procedure or to participation in a medical experiment not intended to preserve the life or prevent serious

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1 impairment of the physical health of the ward;

2 (5) consent on behalf of the ward to termination of the
3 ward's parental rights;

4 (6) prohibit the ward from registering to vote or from
5 casting a ballot at public election;

6 (7) prohibit the ward from applying for and obtaining a
7 driver's license;

8 (8) prohibit the marriage or divorce of the ward.
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