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Chapter No.

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AN ACT

Relating to the training of foster parents.

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TO THE LAW AND BRACKETED MATERIAL IN CAPITAL LETTERS INDICATES DELETIONS FROM THE LAW; COMPLETELY NEW TEXT OR MATERIAL REPEALED AND RE-ENACTED IS IDENTIFIED IN THE INTRODUCTORY LINE OF EACH BILL SECTION.

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AN ACT

Relating to the training of foster parents.

* Section 1. AS 47.35 is amended by adding a new section to read:

Sec. 47.35.035. FOSTER PARENT TRAINING. (a) A person may not be licensed under this chapter to maintain or conduct a foster home unless the person has completed an orientation for foster parents approved by the department. An orientation required under this subsection must provide information about foster care regulations, policies, and procedures; practical instruction about the realities of caring for a child who is placed in a foster home; and other appropriate information.

(b) To maintain a license issued under this chapter for the maintenance or conduct of a foster home, a licensee shall complete annual foster parent training approved by the department. Training under this subsection need not be conducted in a classroom setting, but must include methods of instruction that meet the varying needs of foster parents, the department and recognized foster parent associations.

(c) The requirements for training under this section may not be waived except that, in an emergency situation, the department may place a child with an untrained person who has an emergency license. The department shall by regulation establish the terms and conditions under which an emergency license may be issued under this subsection and the time period for which an emergency license is valid.

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1 * Sec. 2. AS 47.35.040(c) is amended to read:

2 (c) Except as provided in AS 47.35.035, the [THE] department may
3 waive compliance with a standard set out in regulations adopted under
4 AS 47.35.010 - 47.35.080 if an acceptable alternative is established
5 that meets the purpose of the provision and reasonably assures the
6 well-being of persons in care.

7 * Sec. 3. Notwithstanding the provisions of AS 47.35.035, as enacted by
8 sec. 1 of this Act, and AS 47.35.040(c), as amended by sec. 2 of this Act,
9 a licensee shall be considered to have completed annual training if the
10 licensee completes the training during either fiscal year 1990 or fiscal
11 year 1991. The Department of Health and Social Services may schedule
12 training so that approximately one-half of licensees receive training
13 during each of the fiscal years 1990 and 1991.
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