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AN ACT

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

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2 by marital and family therapists; and providing for an effective date.

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4 * **Section 1.** AS 21.36.090(d) is amended to read:

5 (d) Except to the extent necessary to comply with AS 21.42.365 and AS 21.56,
6 a person may not practice or permit unfair discrimination against a person who
7 provides a service covered under a group health insurance policy that extends coverage
8 on an expense incurred basis, or under a group service or indemnity type contract
9 issued by a nonprofit corporation, if the service is within the scope of the provider's
10 occupational license. In this subsection, "provider" means a state licensed physician,
11 dentist, osteopath, optometrist, chiropractor, nurse midwife, advanced nurse
12 practitioner, naturopath, physical therapist, occupational therapist, **marital and family**
13 **therapist**, psychologist, psychological associate, or licensed clinical social worker, or

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1 certified direct-entry midwife.

2 * **Sec. 2.** This Act applies to a policy of insurance issued or renewed on or after the
3 effective date of this Act.

4 * **Sec. 3.** This Act takes effect January 1, 1999.