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CSHB 308(FIN)

Chapter No.

AN ACT

Relating to dementia awareness and health care capacity; and providing for an effective date.

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

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1 Relating to dementia awareness and health care capacity; and providing for an effective date.

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* **Section 1.** AS 18.09 is amended by adding a new section to read:

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Article 2A. Dementia Awareness and Health Care Capacity.

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Sec. 18.09.300. Dementia awareness and health care capacity. (a) The

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department shall develop and implement an evidence-based, data-informed statewide

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dementia awareness campaign. The statewide dementia awareness campaign must

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include promotion of screening, early diagnosis, and treatment of dementia and assess

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appropriate levels of care and workforce capacity necessary for the population of

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persons affected by dementia in the state.

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(b) To build statewide dementia awareness and health care capacity, the

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department shall

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(1) use a public health approach to improve services and awareness of

1 dementia and educate the public on strategies related to risk reduction, early diagnosis,
2 and disease management;

3 (2) collect and monitor data to set priorities, develop public health
4 actions, and address social effects of Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia;

5 (3) focus on changing systems, environments, and policies to promote
6 risk reduction, improve early diagnosis, prevent and manage comorbidities, and avoid
7 hospitalizations;

8 (4) work with systems of care to identify ways to improve early
9 diagnosis, primary care, care coordination, and development of the workforce for
10 delivery of services to persons affected by dementia;

11 (5) engage community members and stakeholders in decision making;
12 and

13 (6) develop a statewide strategic plan to improve systems of care
14 infrastructure and awareness of dementia.

15 (c) Beginning January 1, 2024, the department shall submit a biannual report
16 to the senate secretary and chief clerk of the house of representatives and notify the
17 legislature that the report is available. The report must include a description of
18 accomplishments, barriers, and recommendations for priorities related to dementia
19 care in the state.

20 * **Sec. 2.** AS 18.09.300 is repealed July 1, 2030.

21 * **Sec. 3.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).