

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 168(HSS)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Offered: 2/17/10

Referred: Finance

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES COGHILL, Kerttula, Lynn, Cissna, Keller, Herron

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to state certification and designation of trauma centers; creating the**
2 **uncompensated trauma care fund to offset uncompensated trauma care provided at**
3 **certified and designated trauma centers and including a portion of the tax levy on**
4 **alcohol as a source of money that may be appropriated to the trauma care fund; and**
5 **providing for an effective date."**

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

7 * **Section 1.** AS 18.08.082 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

8 (c) The commissioner shall establish special designations in regulation for
9 varying levels of trauma care provided by a certified trauma center that shall be used
10 to set compensation eligibility and amounts under AS 18.08.085. The designations
11 shall be based on nationally recognized standards and procedures.

12 * **Sec. 2.** AS 18.08 is amended by adding a new section to read:

13 **Sec. 18.08.085. Uncompensated trauma care fund; creation.** (a) The

1 uncompensated trauma care fund is created. The purpose of the fund is to compensate
 2 certified trauma centers in the state that receive a special designation under
 3 AS 18.08.082(c) for care uncompensated by the person receiving the care or by any
 4 other source.

5 (b) The fund consists of money appropriated to it by the legislature, including
 6 donations, recoveries of or reimbursements for awards made from the fund, income
 7 from the fund, and other program receipts from activities under this chapter.
 8 Appropriations to the fund do not lapse.

9 (c) The commissioner shall administer the fund in accordance with the
 10 provisions of this chapter. The commissioner shall spend money from the
 11 uncompensated trauma care fund for the purpose established in (a) of this section. The
 12 commissioner may establish and seek the advice of a special committee for review of
 13 statewide trauma care and compensation standards.

14 (d) The commissioner may not provide more than 25 percent of the total
 15 assets, including earnings, of the fund in a fiscal year to one trauma center.

16 * **Sec. 3.** AS 43.60 is amended by adding a new section to read:

17 **Sec. 43.60.055. Disposition of proceeds; availability for appropriation to**
 18 **the uncompensated trauma care fund.** The portion of the tax collected under
 19 AS 43.60.010 that is not separately accounted for under AS 43.60.050(a) may be
 20 appropriated to the uncompensated trauma care fund (AS 18.08.085). Nothing in this
 21 section creates a dedicated fund.

22 * **Sec. 4.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).