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A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

- 1 "An Act relating to supported decision-making agreements to provide for decision-
- 2 making assistance; and amending Rule 402, Alaska Rules of Evidence."

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

- * **Section 1.** AS 13 is amended by adding a new chapter to read:
- 5 Chapter 56. Supported Decision-Making Agreements.
- Sec. 13.56.010. Agreements authorized. (a) Except as provided in (b) and (c) of this section, an adult may enter into a supported decision-making agreement. A supported decision-making agreement allows an adult to receive decision-making assistance with the adult's affairs from one or more other adults.
- 10 (b) The adult wanting to receive decision-making assistance may not enter
- into a supported decision-making agreement unless the adult

 (1) enters into the agreement voluntarily and without coercion or
- undue influence; and
- 14 (2) understands the nature and effect of the agreement.

| 1 | (c) An adult may not enter into a supported decision-making agreement under |
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| 2 | this section if the agreement encroaches on the authority of a guardian or conservator |
| 3 | of the adult, unless the guardian or conservator approves in writing the adult entering |
| 4 | into the supported decision-making agreement. |
| 5 | Sec. 13.56.020. Eligibility of supporters. A supporter must be an adult, but |
| 6 | may not be |
| 7 | (1) an employer or employee of the principal, unless the employer or |
| 8 | employee is an immediate family member of the principal; |
| 9 | (2) a person who provides paid support services, except decision- |
| 10 | making assistance, directly to the principal, unless the person is an immediate family |
| 11 | member of the principal; or |
| 12 | (3) a person against whom a protective order or restraining order has |
| 13 | been entered by a court on request of or on behalf of the principal. |
| 14 | Sec. 13.56.030. Contents of agreement. (a) A supported decision-making |
| 15 | agreement must |
| 16 | (1) name one or more adults to provide a principal with decision- |
| 17 | making assistance; and |
| 18 | (2) describe the decision-making assistance that each supporter may |
| 19 | provide the principal. |
| 20 | (b) A supported decision-making agreement must contain a notice to third |
| 21 | parties that summarizes the rights and obligations of the supporter under this chapter |
| 22 | and expressly identifies this chapter. |
| 23 | (c) A supported decision-making agreement may |
| 24 | (1) name an alternate supporter to act in the place of a supporter and |
| 25 | the circumstances under which the alternate supporter may act; |
| 26 | (2) authorize a supporter to share information with another supporter |
| 27 | named in the agreement, including an alternate supporter. |
| 28 | Sec. 13.56.040. Requirements for validity. A supported decision-making |
| 29 | agreement is valid if |
| 30 | (1) the agreement is dated and in writing; |
| 31 | (2) the agreement satisfies the requirements of AS 13.56.010 - |

| 1 | 13.30.030 and 13.30.030, |
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| 2 | (3) the agreement has been signed by the principal and each named |
| 3 | supporter, including any alternate supporter, and the |
| 4 | (A) signing takes place in the presence of two witnesses who |
| 5 | also sign the agreement; or |
| 6 | (B) signatures of the principal and each named supporter, |
| 7 | including any alternate supporter, are notarized; and |
| 8 | (4) when the principal has a guardian or conservator, the principal has |
| 9 | notified the guardian or conservator of the agreement. |
| 10 | Sec. 13.56.050. Declarations by supporters. A supported decision-making |
| 11 | agreement must contain a separate declaration for each supporter that states the |
| 12 | supporter's relationship with the principal, states the willingness of the supporter to act |
| 13 | as a supporter for the principal, and indicates that the supporter acknowledges the |
| 14 | duties of a supporter under this chapter. Each declaration must be signed by the |
| 15 | supporter making the declaration. |
| 16 | Sec. 13.56.060. Witnesses. (a) Each witness under AS 13.56.040 must be an |
| 17 | adult who understands the means of communication used by the principal, except, if |
| 18 | there is an individual who understands the principal's means of communication present |
| 19 | to assist during the execution of the supported decision-making agreement, the |
| 20 | witnesses are not required to understand the means of communication used by the |
| 21 | principal. |
| 22 | (b) A witness under AS 13.56.040 may not be a supporter named in the |
| 23 | supported decision-making agreement or an employee or agent of a supporter named |
| 24 | in the supported decision-making agreement. |
| 25 | Sec. 13.56.070. Term of agreement. A supported decision-making agreement |
| 26 | may indicate the date it becomes effective and its duration. If the supported decision- |
| 27 | making agreement does not indicate the date it becomes effective, the supported |
| 28 | decision-making agreement becomes effective immediately. If a supported decision- |
| 29 | making agreement does not indicate its duration, the supported decision-making |
| 30 | agreement remains effective until terminated under AS 13.56.080. |
| 31 | Sec. 13.56.080. Termination of agreement. (a) A principal may at any time |

| 1 | terminate all or a portion of a supported decision-making agreement. A supporter may |
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| 2 | at any time terminate all or a portion of the supporter's obligations under a supported |
| 3 | decision-making agreement, including the declaration of support described in |
| 4 | AS 13.56.050. |
| 5 | (b) A termination under (a) of this section must be in writing and signed, and |
| 6 | (1) the signing must take place in the presence of two witnesses who |
| 7 | also sign the termination; or |
| 8 | (2) the signature must be notarized. |
| 9 | (c) A principal or supporter terminating all or a portion of a supported |
| 10 | decision-making agreement shall notify, in person, by certified mail, or by electronic |
| 11 | means, the other party to the agreement that the agreement has been terminated. |
| 12 | (d) If all or a portion of a supported decision-making agreement is terminated |
| 13 | under this section and the termination is consistent with this section, the remainder of |
| 14 | the agreement remains in effect. |
| 15 | Sec. 13.56.090. Duties of supporter. A supporter shall act with the care, |
| 16 | competence, and diligence ordinarily exercised by individuals in similar |
| 17 | circumstances. |
| 18 | Sec. 13.56.100. Decision-making assistance of supporter. (a) Except as |
| 19 | limited by a supported decision-making agreement, a supporter may provide to a |
| 20 | principal the following decision-making assistance about the principal's affairs: |
| 21 | (1) assisting with making decisions, communicating decisions, and |
| 22 | understanding information about, options for, the responsibilities of, and the |
| 23 | consequences of decisions; |
| 24 | (2) accessing, obtaining, and understanding information that is relevant |
| 25 | to decisions necessary for the principal to manage the principal's affairs, including |
| 26 | medical, psychological, financial, and educational information, medical treatment |
| 27 | records, and other records; |
| 28 | (3) ascertaining the wishes and decisions of the principal, assisting in |
| 29 | communicating those wishes and decisions to other persons, and advocating to ensure |
| 30 | the implementation of the principal's wishes and decisions; and |
| 31 | (4) accompanying the principal and participating in discussions with |

| 1 | other persons when the principal is making decisions or attempting to obtain |
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| 2 | information for decisions. |
| 3 | (b) Under (a)(2) of this section, a supporter may use the principal's dated |
| 4 | consent to assist the principal in obtaining protected health information under the |
| 5 | Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (P.L. 104-191) or |
| 6 | educational records under 20 U.S.C. 1232g (Family Educational Rights and Privacy |
| 7 | Act of 1974). |
| 8 | Sec. 13.56.110. Prohibited activities. A supporter may not |
| 9 | (1) exert undue influence on the principal; |
| 10 | (2) make decisions for or on behalf of the principal; |
| 11 | (3) sign for the principal or provide an electronic signature of the |
| 12 | principal to a third party; |
| 13 | (4) obtain, without the consent of the principal, information that is not |
| 14 | reasonably related to matters with which the supporter may assist the principal under |
| 15 | the supported decision-making agreement; or |
| 16 | (5) use, without the consent of the principal, information acquired for a |
| 17 | purpose authorized by this chapter for a purpose other than assisting the principal to |
| 18 | make a decision under the supported decision-making agreement. |
| 19 | Sec. 13.56.120. Confidentiality, handling, and disposal of information. A |
| 20 | supporter shall keep the information collected by the supporter on behalf of the |
| 21 | principal under this chapter confidential, may not use the information for a use that is |
| 22 | not authorized by the principal, shall protect the information from unauthorized |
| 23 | access, use, or disclosure, and shall dispose of the information properly when |
| 24 | appropriate. |
| 25 | Sec. 13.56.130. Recognition of decisions and requests. A person shall |
| 26 | recognize a decision or request made or communicated with the decision-making |
| 27 | assistance of a supporter under this chapter as the decision or request of the principal |
| 28 | for the purposes of a provision of law, and the principal or supporter may enforce the |
| 29 | decision or request in law or equity on the same basis as a decision or request of the |
| 30 | principal. |

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Sec. 13.56.140. Limitation of liability. (a) A person who, in good faith, either

| 1 | acts in reliance on an authorization in a supported decision-making agreement or |
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| 2 | declines to honor an authorization in a supported decision-making agreement is not |
| 3 | subject to civil or criminal liability or to discipline for unprofessional conduct for |
| 4 | (1) complying with an authorization in a supported decision-making |
| 5 | agreement, if the person is complying based on an assumption that the underlying |
| 6 | supported decision-making agreement was valid when made and has not been |
| 7 | terminated under AS 13.56.080; |
| 8 | (2) declining to comply with an authorization in a supported decision- |
| 9 | making agreement if the person is declining based on actual knowledge that the |
| 10 | supported decision-making agreement is invalid or has been terminated under |
| 11 | AS 13.56.080; |
| 12 | (3) declining to comply with an authorization related to health care in a |
| 13 | supported decision-making agreement, if the person is declining because the action |
| 14 | proposed to be taken under the supported decision-making agreement is contrary to |
| 15 | the good faith medical judgment of the person or to a written policy of a health care |
| 16 | institution that is based on reasons of conscience. |
| 17 | (b) In this section, "good faith" means honesty in fact and the observance of |
| 18 | reasonable standards of fair dealing. |
| 19 | Sec. 13.56.150. Capability and capacity. (a) In the application of this chapter, |
| 20 | a decision that a principal is incapable of managing the principal's affairs may not be |
| 21 | based on the manner in which the principal communicates with others. |
| 22 | (b) An adult who enters into a supported decision-making agreement may act |
| 23 | without the decision-making assistance of the supporter. |
| 24 | (c) A person may not use the execution of a supported decision-making |
| 25 | agreement as evidence that the principal does not have capacity. |
| 26 | (d) In this chapter, a principal is considered to have capacity even if the |
| 27 | capacity is achieved by the principal receiving decision-making assistance. |
| 28 | Sec. 13.56.160. Principal's affairs. This chapter applies to decisions related to |
| 29 | the following affairs of a principal: |
| 30 | (1) monitoring health, obtaining, scheduling, implementing, and |
| 31 | coordinating health and support services, understanding health care information and |

| 1 | options, providing for care and comfort, and other health care and personal matters in |
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| 2 | which the principal makes decisions about the principal's health care; |
| 3 | (2) managing income and assets and the use of income and assets for |
| 4 | clothing, support, care, comfort, education, shelter, and payment of other liabilities of |
| 5 | the principal; |
| 6 | (3) handling personal, health care, and financial matters that arise in |
| 7 | the course of daily living; |
| 8 | (4) monitoring information about the principal's support services, |
| 9 | including future necessary or recommended support services; |
| 10 | (5) living arrangements, including where and with whom the principal |
| 11 | wants to live; and |
| 12 | (6) working arrangements, including where the principal wants to |
| 13 | work. |
| 14 | Sec. 13.56.170. Support services. The following are considered support |
| 15 | services under this chapter: |
| 16 | (1) house repair, home cleaning, laundry, shopping, and providing |
| 17 | meals; |
| 18 | (2) transportation, accompanying a principal, and facilitating a |
| 19 | principal's written, oral, and electronic communication; |
| 20 | (3) nurse visitations and attendant care; |
| 21 | (4) provision of health care; |
| 22 | (5) physical and psychosocial assessments; |
| 23 | (6) financial assessments and advice on banking, taxes, loans, |
| 24 | investments, and management of real property; |
| 25 | (7) legal assessments and advice; |
| 26 | (8) education and educational assessments and advice; |
| 27 | (9) assistance with bathing, dressing, eating, range of motion, toileting, |
| 28 | transferring, ambulation, and other direct assistance with the activities of daily living; |
| 29 | (10) care planning; |
| 30 | (11) services that assist in maintaining the independence of a principal. |
| 31 | Sec. 13.56.180. Form for supported decision-making agreement. A |

| 1 | supported decision-making agreement must be in substantially the following form |
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| 2 | STATUTORY FORM FOR |
| 3 | SUPPORTED DECISION-MAKING AGREEMENT |
| 4 | (1) INTRODUCTION. I,, want to have |
| 5 | one or more persons I trust help me make decisions, obtain and |
| 6 | understand the information I need to make my decisions, and tell other |
| 7 | people about my decisions. The people who will help me are my |
| 8 | "supporters." |
| 9 | I can name three supporters in this form. If I want to have more |
| 10 | than three supporters, I can use a form that is substantially similar to |
| 11 | this form to enter into a supported decision-making agreement with the |
| 12 | additional supporters. |
| 13 | This is a written agreement between me ("principal") and each |
| 14 | of my supporters. I can say in this agreement what kind of help each of |
| 15 | my supporters will give me. A SUPPORTER APPOINTED UNDER |
| 16 | THIS AGREEMENT DOES NOT MAKE DECISIONS FOR ME. |
| 17 | My supporters may share information with each other (select |
| 18 | one of the following): |
| 19 | Yes [] No [] |
| 20 | (2) SUPPORTERS. These are my supporters: |
| 21 | SUPPORTER NO. 1 |
| 22 | Name: |
| 23 | Address: |
| 24 | Telephone number: |
| 25 | Electronic mail address: |
| 26 | I want this supporter to help me with (mark any of the following you |
| 27 | want): |
| 28 | [] Making choices about food and clothing |
| 29 | [] Making choices about where and with whom I live |
| 30 | [] Making choices about my health and health care |
| 31 | [] Making choices about how I spend my time |

| 1 | [] Making choices about where I work |
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| 2 | [] Making choices about my support services |
| 3 | [] Making choices about how I spend my money and how I |
| 4 | save my money |
| 5 | [] Making choices about legal matters |
| 6 | [] Making choices about (list other areas the supporter will |
| 7 | help you with): |
| 8 | |
| 9 | |
| 10 | I do not want this supporter to help me with: |
| 11 | |
| 12 | |
| 13 | SUPPORTER NO. 2 |
| 14 | Name: |
| 15 | Address: |
| 16 | Telephone number: |
| 17 | Electronic mail address: |
| 18 | I want this supporter to help me with (mark any of the following you |
| 19 | want): |
| 20 | [] Making choices about food and clothing |
| 21 | [] Making choices about where and with whom I live |
| 22 | [] Making choices about my health and health care |
| 23 | [] Making choices about how I spend my time |
| 24 | [] Making choices about where I work |
| 25 | [] Making choices about my support services |
| 26 | [] Making choices about how I spend my money and how I |
| 27 | save my money |
| 28 | [] Making choices about legal matters |
| 29 | [] Making choices about (list other areas the supporter will |
| 30 | help you with): |
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| 2 | I do not want this supporter to help me with: |
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| 5 | SUPPORTER NO. 3 |
| 6 | Name: |
| 7 | Address: |
| 8 | Telephone number: |
| 9 | Electronic mail address: |
| 10 | I want this supporter to help me with (mark any of the following you |
| 11 | want): |
| 12 | [] Making choices about food and clothing |
| 13 | [] Making choices about where and with whom I live |
| 14 | [] Making choices about my health and health care |
| 15 | [] Making choices about how I spend my time |
| 16 | [] Making choices about where I work |
| 17 | [] Making choices about my support services |
| 18 | [] Making choices about how I spend my money and how I |
| 19 | save my money |
| 20 | [] Making choices about legal matters |
| 21 | [] Making choices about (list other areas the supporter will |
| 22 | help you with): |
| 23 | |
| 24 | |
| 25 | I do not want this supporter to help me with: |
| 26 | |
| 27 | |
| 28 | ALTERNATE SUPPORTER. If one of my supporters dies, becomes |
| 29 | unable to act as my supporter, refuses to act as my supporter, or |
| 30 | terminates the supporter's part of this agreement, I want the following |
| 31 | person to become my supporter and help me with the areas the original |

| 1 | supporter was neighing me with. |
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| 2 | Name: |
| 3 | Address: |
| 4 | Telephone number: |
| 5 | Electronic mail address: |
| 6 | (3) INFORMATION ACCESS FORMS. I am attaching to this |
| 7 | agreement (mark yes or no for each choice below): |
| 8 | A form that lets my supporter(s) obtain my health information |
| 9 | under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act |
| 10 | Yes [] No [] |
| 11 | A form that lets my supporter(s) see my educational records |
| 12 | under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 |
| 13 | Yes [] No [] |
| 14 | (4) GUARDIANS AND CONSERVATORS. If I have a |
| 15 | guardian or conservator, I must notify the guardian or conservator |
| 16 | about this agreement. If this agreement encroaches on the authority of |
| 17 | that guardian or conservator, the guardian or conservator must approve |
| 18 | this agreement in writing. |
| 19 | [] I have a guardian, and I have notified the guardian about |
| 20 | this agreement. |
| 21 | [] I am attaching a signed statement by my guardian approving |
| 22 | my use of this agreement. |
| 23 | [] I have a conservator, and I have notified the conservator |
| 24 | about this agreement. |
| 25 | [] I am attaching a signed statement by my conservator |
| 26 | approving my use of this agreement. |
| 27 | (5) NOTICE TO THIRD PARTIES. This is a summary of the |
| 28 | rights and obligations of a supporter under AS 13.56, the chapter that |
| 29 | authorizes making this agreement. A supporter does not make decisions |
| 30 | for the principal, but a supporter may provide a principal with help |
| 31 | when making decisions obtaining information for decision |

| 1 | communicating decisions, and understanding the options |
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| 2 | responsibilities, and consequences of decisions. A supporter may |
| 3 | accompany the principal and participate in discussions with other |
| 4 | persons. The principal sets out in this agreement the areas in which the |
| 5 | supporter may help the principal with decisions. |
| 6 | A third party must recognize a decision or request of the |
| 7 | principal that is made or communicated with the assistance of a |
| 8 | supporter as the decision or request of the principal (AS 13.56.130) |
| 9 | The principal or supporter may enforce the decision or request in law or |
| 10 | equity. A principal may act without the help of the supporter. |
| 11 | (6) DURATION AND TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT. |
| 12 | can end all or part of this agreement at any time by giving notice to my |
| 13 | supporter(s). My termination must be signed and notarized or witnessed |
| 14 | like this agreement. This agreement starts (date) and wil |
| 15 | continue until the agreement is terminated by me or my supporter(s). |
| 16 | (7) SIGNATURE OF PRINCIPAL. I know that I do not have to |
| 17 | sign this agreement. I am entering into this agreement voluntarily and |
| 18 | without coercion or undue influence. I understand the nature and effect |
| 19 | of this agreement. I know that I can change this agreement at any time. |
| 20 | Signature: |
| 21 | Printed name: |
| 22 | Telephone number: |
| 23 | Electronic mail address: |
| 24 | Date: |
| 25 | (8) SIGNATURES OF SUPPORTERS. |
| 26 | Signature of Supporter No. 1 |
| 27 | Signature: |
| 28 | Printed name: |
| 29 | Name: |
| 30 | Address: |
| 31 | Telephone number: |

| 1 | Electronic mail address: |
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| 2 | Name: |
| 3 | Address: |
| 4 | Telephone number: |
| 5 | Electronic mail address: |
| 6 | Date: |
| 7 | Signature of Supporter No. 2 |
| 8 | Signature |
| 9 | Printed name: |
| 10 | Date: |
| 11 | Signature of Supporter No. 3 |
| 12 | Signature: |
| 13 | Printed name: |
| 14 | Date: |
| 15 | Signature of Alternate Supporter |
| 16 | Signature: |
| 17 | Printed name: |
| 18 | Date: |
| 19 | (9) DECLARATIONS OF SUPPORTERS. |
| 20 | DECLARATION OF SUPPORTER NO. 1. I,, |
| 21 | am the principal's (relationship to the |
| 22 | principal). I am willing to act as the principal's supporter. I |
| 23 | acknowledge my duties as a supporter under AS 13.56. |
| 24 | I understand that my job as a supporter is to help the principal |
| 25 | make decisions, obtain and understand information for decisions, |
| 26 | communicate decisions, and understand the options, responsibilities, |
| 27 | and consequences of decisions. My support may include giving the |
| 28 | principal information in a way that the principal can understand, |
| 29 | discussing pros and cons of decisions, and helping the principal |
| 30 | communicate the principal's decisions. |
| 31 | I will act with care, competence, and diligence. I know that I |

| 1 | may not make decisions for the principal. I will not exert ur | idue |
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| 2 | influence on the principal. I will not sign for the principal or provid | e an |
| 3 | electronic signature of the principal to a third party. I will keep | the |
| 4 | principal's information confidential. I will not use information I rec | eive |
| 5 | under this agreement for a purpose other than as authorized by | the |
| 6 | principal for decision making, unless the principal consents to ano | other |
| 7 | use. | |
| 8 | Signature: | |
| 9 | Printed name: | |
| 10 | Date: | |
| 11 | DECLARATION OF SUPPORTER NO. 2. I, | ; |
| 12 | am the principal's (relationship to | the |
| 13 | principal). I am willing to act as the principal's supporte | r. I |
| 14 | acknowledge my duties as a supporter under AS 13.56. | |
| 15 | I understand that my job as a supporter is to help the princ | cipal |
| 16 | make decisions, obtain and understand information for decision | ons, |
| 17 | communicate decisions, and understand the options, responsibili | ties. |
| 18 | and consequences of decisions. My support may include giving | the |
| 19 | principal information in a way that the principal can underst | and, |
| 20 | discussing pros and cons of decisions, and helping the princ | cipal |
| 21 | communicate the principal's decisions. | |
| 22 | I will act with care, competence, and diligence. I know the | nat l |
| 23 | may not make decisions for the principal. I will not exert ur | ıdue |
| 24 | influence on the principal. I will not sign for the principal or provid | e an |
| 25 | electronic signature of the principal to a third party. I will keep | the |
| 26 | principal's information confidential. I will not use information I rec | eive |
| 27 | under this agreement for a purpose other than as authorized by | the |
| 28 | principal for decision making, unless the principal consents to ano | other |
| 29 | use. | |
| 30 | Signature: | |
| 31 | Printed name: | |

| 1 | Date: |
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| 2 | DECLARATION OF SUPPORTER NO. 3. I, |
| 3 | am the principal's (relationship to t |
| 4 | principal). I am willing to act as the principal's supporter. |
| 5 | acknowledge my duties as a supporter under AS 13.56. |
| 6 | I understand that my job as a supporter is to help the princip |
| 7 | make decisions, obtain and understand information for decision |
| 8 | communicate decisions, and understand the options, responsibilities |
| 9 | and consequences of decisions. My support may include giving t |
| 10 | principal information in a way that the principal can understar |
| 11 | discussing pros and cons of decisions, and helping the princip |
| 12 | communicate the principal's decisions. |
| 13 | I will act with care, competence, and diligence. I know tha |
| 14 | may not make decisions for the principal. I will not exert und |
| 15 | influence on the principal. I will not sign for the principal or provide |
| 16 | electronic signature of the principal to a third party. I will keep t |
| 17 | principal's information confidential. I will not use information I recei |
| 18 | under this agreement for a purpose other than as authorized by t |
| 19 | principal for decision making, unless the principal consents to anoth |
| 20 | use. |
| 21 | Signature: |
| 22 | Printed name: |
| 23 | Date: |
| 24 | DECLARATION OF ALTERNATE SUPPORTER. |
| 25 | , am the principal's |
| 26 | (relationship to the principal). I am willing to act as the principal |
| 27 | supporter in the place of another supporter. I acknowledge the duties |
| 28 | a supporter under AS 13.56. |
| 29 | I understand that my job as a supporter would be to help t |
| 30 | principal make decisions, obtain and understand information f |
| 31 | decisions, communicate decisions, and understand the option |
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| 1 | responsibilities, and consequences of decisions. My support may |
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| 2 | include giving the principal information in a way that the principal can |
| 3 | understand, discussing pros and cons of decisions, and helping the |
| 4 | principal communicate the principal's decisions. |
| 5 | I will act with care, competence, and diligence. I know that I |
| 6 | may not make decisions for the principal. I will not exert undue |
| 7 | influence on the principal. I will not sign for the principal or provide an |
| 8 | electronic signature of the principal to a third party. I will keep the |
| 9 | principal's information confidential. I will not use information I receive |
| 10 | under this agreement for a purpose other than as authorized by the |
| 11 | principal for decision making, unless the principal consents to another |
| 12 | use. |
| 13 | Signature: |
| 14 | Printed name: |
| 15 | Date: |
| 16 | (10) NOTARIZATION OR WITNESSING. The signatures on |
| 17 | this agreement must be either (1) notarized, or (2) witnessed by two |
| 18 | witnesses. |
| 19 | NOTARIZATION |
| 20 | State of |
| 21 | Judicial District |
| 22 | On this day of, in the year, before me, |
| 23 | (name of notary public), appeared |
| 24 | (name of principal), and |
| 25 | (name of each supporter and alternate |
| 26 | supporter named in the agreement), personally known to me to be the |
| 27 | persons who executed this agreement, and each acknowledged to me |
| 28 | that each executed the agreement as the person's free and voluntary act |
| 29 | and deed for the uses and purposes under this agreement. |
| 30 | Witness my hand and official seal the day and year written |
| 31 | above. |

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| 2 | (Signature of notary public) |
| 3 | (Seal, if any) |
| 4 | |
| 5 | (Title and rank) |
| 6 | My commission expires: |
| 7 | WITNESSING |
| 8 | If the signatures are not notarized, two adults must witness the |
| 9 | signatures of the principal, the supporter(s), and any alternate |
| 10 | supporter, and all must sign together in the presence of the witnesses. A |
| 11 | witness CANNOT be a supporter named in this agreement. The |
| 12 | witnesses CANNOT be employees or agents of the supporter(s) named |
| 13 | in this agreement. Unless a person who understands the principal's |
| 14 | means of communication is present to assist when the agreement is |
| 15 | signed, each witness must understand the means of communication |
| 16 | used by the principal. |
| 17 | 1. Witness signature: |
| 18 | Printed name: |
| 19 | Date: |
| 20 | 2. Witness signature: |
| 21 | Printed name: |
| 22 | Date: |
| 23 | (11) APPROVAL BY GUARDIAN. I am the guardian of |
| 24 | I have read and understand the nature and |
| 25 | effect of this agreement. I approve the use of this agreement by |
| 26 | (name of principal) to obtain support in |
| 27 | making decisions. |
| 28 | Signature: |
| 29 | Printed name: |
| 30 | Date: |
| 31 | (12) APPROVAL BY CONSERVATOR. I am the conservator |

| 1 | of I have read and understand the nature |
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| 2 | and effect of this agreement. I approve the use of this agreement by |
| 3 | (name of principal) to obtain support in |
| 4 | making decisions. |
| 5 | Signature: |
| 6 | Printed name: |
| 7 | Date: |
| 8 | Sec. 13.56.190. Definitions. In this chapter, unless the context indicates |
| 9 | otherwise, |
| 10 | (1) "adult" means an individual who is 18 years of age or older; |
| 11 | (2) "affairs" means the affairs described in AS 13.56.160; |
| 12 | (3) "capacity" means the ability to understand and appreciate the |
| 13 | nature and consequences of a decision and the ability to reach and communicate an |
| 14 | informed decision; |
| 15 | (4) "conservator" means a person appointed a conservator under |
| 16 | AS 13.26.401 - 13.26.595 or a similar law of another state; |
| 17 | (5) "decision" means a decision relating to the affairs of a principal; |
| 18 | (6) "decision-making assistance" means the decision-making |
| 19 | assistance described in AS 13.56.100; |
| 20 | (7) "guardian" means a person appointed a guardian under |
| 21 | AS 13.26.201 - 13.26.316 or a similar law of another state; |
| 22 | (8) "immediate family member" means a spouse, child, sibling, parent, |
| 23 | grandparent, grandchild, stepparent, stepchild, or stepsibling; |
| 24 | (9) "person" means an individual, health care institution, health care |
| 25 | provider, corporation, partnership, limited liability company, association, joint |
| 26 | venture, government, governmental subdivision, governmental agency, governmental |
| 27 | instrumentality, public corporation, or another legal or commercial entity; |
| 28 | (10) "principal" means an adult who enters into a supported decision- |
| 29 | making agreement under this chapter to receive decision-making assistance; |
| 30 | (11) "supported decision-making agreement" means an agreement |
| 31 | authorized under AS 13.56.010; |

| 1 | (12) "supporter" means an adult who enters a supported decision- |
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| 2 | making agreement and provides decision-making assistance; |
| 3 | (13) "support services" means the support services described in |
| 4 | AS 13.56.170. |
| 5 | Sec. 13.56.195. Short title. This chapter may be cited as the Supported |
| 6 | Decision-Making Agreements Act. |
| 7 | * Sec. 2. The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to |
| 8 | read: |
| 9 | INDIRECT COURT RULE AMENDMENT. AS 13.56.150(c), added by sec. 1 of this |
| 10 | Act, has the effect of changing Rule 402, Alaska Rules of Evidence, by prohibiting the |
| 11 | execution of a supported decision-making agreement from being used as evidence of a |
| 12 | principal's incapacity. In this section, "principal" and "supported decision-making agreement" |
| 13 | have the meanings given in AS 13.56.190, added by sec. 1 of this Act. |
| 14 | * Sec. 3. The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to |
| 15 | read: |
| 16 | CONDITIONAL EFFECT. AS 13.56.150(c), added by sec. 1 of this Act, takes effect |
| 17 | only if sec. 2 of this Act receives the two-thirds majority vote of each house required by art. |
| 18 | IV, sec. 15, Constitution of the State of Alaska. |
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