

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 168(FIN)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Offered: 4/7/10

Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES COGHILL, Kerttula, Lynn, Cissna, Keller, Herron, Ramras, Kawasaki, Dahlstrom, Tuck, Crawford

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to state certification and designation of trauma centers; creating the**
2 **trauma care fund to offset trauma care provided at certified and designated trauma**
3 **centers; and providing for an effective date."**

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

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

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

10 *** Sec. 2.** AS 18.08 is amended by adding a new section to read:32

11 **Sec. 18.08.085. Trauma care fund; creation.** (a) The trauma care fund is
12 created. The purpose of the fund is to compensate certified trauma centers in the state
13 that receive a special designation under AS 18.08.082(c).

14 (b) The fund consists of money appropriated to it by the legislature, including

1 donations, recoveries of or reimbursements for awards made from the fund, income
2 from the fund, and other program receipts from activities under this chapter.
3 Appropriations to the fund do not lapse.

4 (c) The commissioner shall administer the fund in accordance with the
5 provisions of this chapter. The commissioner shall spend money from the trauma care
6 fund for the purpose established in (a) of this section.

7 (d) The commissioner shall establish compensation standards under this
8 section. The standards must include funding priorities for trauma centers receiving a
9 special designation under AS 18.08.082(c). The commissioner may seek the advice of
10 a special committee for review of statewide trauma care and compensation standards.

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

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