



# LAWS OF ALASKA

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CSHB 308(FIN)

**Chapter No.**  
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## AN ACT

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

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**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).