

ALASKA INSURANCE LEGISLATION PASSED IN 2009

HOUSE BILLS

HB 175 CHAPTER 30 SLA 09

An Act relating to insurance, including treating as confidential certain information submitted to the director of insurance by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners; clarifying conditions for the release of insurer deposits; defining travel insurance that may be sold under a travel insurance limited producer license; exempting rewards under a wellness program from treatment as insurance discrimination or rebating; making certain insurance required of the Comprehensive Health Insurance Association permissive rather than mandatory; making certain provisions relating to statements on applications and guaranteed renewability for individual health insurance applicable to hospital and medical service corporations; making public certain forms and related documents filed for approval by a hospital or medical service corporation after the filing becomes effective; relating to deposits of self-funded multiple employer welfare arrangements; repealing reasons that the director of insurance may use to deny or revoke a license; and providing for an effective date.

Effective Date: July 1, 2009

HB 222 CHAPTER 55 SLA 09

An Act prohibiting discrimination by health care insurers based on genetic information; providing special enrollment requirements related to Medicaid and state child health plan coverage; requiring a health care insurer to offer coverage for the treatment of alcoholism or drug abuse; providing continuity of coverage for college students during medically necessary leaves of absence from college; requiring health care insurers in the group market to provide parity in the application of mental health and substance abuse benefits that comply with federal requirements; amending the definition of 'dentist' to include out-of-state dentists for purposes of certain dental insurance requirements; and providing for an effective date.

Section 1, effective May 21, 2009

Section 4, effective October 3, 2009

SENATE BILLS

SB 170 CHAPTER 27 SLA 09

AAAn Act modifying the Alaska unemployment insurance statutes by redefining the base period for determining eligibility for unemployment benefits; relating to contributions, interest, penalties, and payments under the Alaska Employment Security Act; and providing for an effective date.

Section 13, effective January 1, 2010

Sections 1 - 12 and 14 - 19 effective August 5, 2009