

Introduced by: Sewall
Date: May 7, 1991
Vote: ADOPTED
Action: UNANIMOUS

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH

RESOLUTION 91-47

SUPPORTING SENATE BILL 194 THAT WOULD PROVIDE HEPATITIS B SCREENING AND VACCINATION FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PROVIDERS

WHEREAS, Hepatitis B is a serious health problem within the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the consequences of contracting Hepatitis B can be devastating to the individual; and

WHEREAS, emergency medical service providers within the State can be exposed to Hepatitis B in the performance of their duties and are thus at high risk; and

WHEREAS, vaccine is available but costs approximately \$150 per person; and

WHEREAS, many volunteer emergency medical service providers are unable to receive these vaccinations; and

WHEREAS, Federal OSHA regulations already require health-care employees who are at substantial risk of directly contacting bodily fluids to be offered the vaccinations free-of-charge, but this does not extend to volunteers; and

WHEREAS, the OSHA requirements still require determination of whether an employee is at substantial risk of directly contacting bodily fluids and may leave some emergency medical service providers unnecessarily exposed to the risk of contracting Hepatitis B; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the State to establish a program that will require either the State or a local municipality having the power to do so to provide vaccinations for all emergency medical service providers;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH:

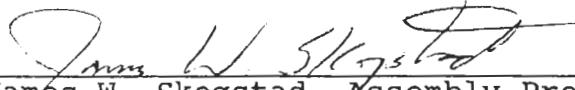
Section 1. That the Assembly supports and urges passage of Senate Bill 194 in order that emergency medical service providers

as defined in that bill be provided with vaccinations for Hepatitis B.

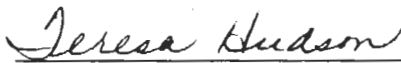
Section 2. That the Clerk shall send copies of this resolution to Senators Paul A. Fischer, Jalmar M. Kerttula, Lyman F. Hoffman, and Curt Menard; House Representatives Mike Navarre, James E. Zawacki, Gene Kubina, Gail Phillips, and Georgianna Lincoln; and, to the Senate Health, Education and Social Services Committee.

Section 3. That this resolution takes effect immediately upon its adoption.

7th ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH ON THIS DAY OF May, 1991.


James W. Skogstad, Assembly President

ATTEST:


Acting Borough Clerk