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## **HB 120**

“ An Act relating to safety devices for needles and sharp instruments to prevent the spread of bloodborne pathogens in Alaska’s health care workers and establishing an effective date. ”

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This bill repeals two exemptions from Alaska’s bloodborne pathogen protection standards to bring Alaska standards into compliance with federal standards. The bill removes exemptions for intraoral procedures and for health care organizations with fewer than 25 full-time employees. Removing these exemptions is not expected to have a significant impact, as most of these organizations have already made the necessary efforts to minimize exposure to bloodborne pathogens by complying with state and federal standards. The risks associated with bloodborne pathogen exposure demand clear and consistent standards throughout health care organizations in Alaska.