SENATE BILL NO. 58 am

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY SENATOR LEMAN

Amended: 4/6/95
Introduced: 2/1/95

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

"An Act restricting the use of the title `industrial hygienist' and related titles and initials."

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

* Section 1. AS 45.50.471(b) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

(38) violating AS 45.50.477(a) - (c).

* Sec. 2. AS 45.50 is amended by adding a new section to read:

Sec. 45.50.477. USE OF TITLES RELATING TO INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE.

(a) A person may not use the title "industrial hygienist," the initials "I.H.," another term that includes the phrase "industrial hygiene" or similar words, or represent to the public that the person is an industrial hygienist, unless the person has a baccalaureate or graduate degree in industrial hygiene, biology, chemistry, engineering, physics, or a closely related physical or biological science from a college or university accredited by a national or regional accreditation association recognized by the Council on Postsecondary Accreditation, or a degree based on equivalent academic training, and
has acquired competence in industrial hygiene through special studies or work experience sufficient to provide the person with the ability and competence to

   (1) anticipate and recognize the environmental factors and stresses associated with work and work operations and to understand their effects on people and their well-being;

   (2) evaluate, on the basis of training and demonstrated work experience and with the aid of quantitative measurement techniques, the magnitude of the factors and stresses identified under (1) of this subsection in terms of their ability to impair human health and well-being; and

   (3) prescribe methods to prevent, eliminate, control, or reduce the factors and stresses identified under (a) of this subsection when necessary to alleviate their effects.

(b) A person may not use the title "industrial hygienist in training," the initials "I.H.I.T.," another term involving the phrase "industrial hygienist in training" or a variation of those words, or represent to the public that the person is an industrial hygienist in training, unless the person is certified as an industrial hygienist in training by the American Board of Industrial Hygiene.

(c) A person may not use the title "certified industrial hygienist," the initials "C.I.H.," another term involving the phrase "certified industrial hygienist" or a variation of those words, or represent to the public that the person is a certified industrial hygienist unless the person is certified as a certified industrial hygienist by the American Board of Industrial Hygiene.

(d) A state or local government agency may not prohibit or restrict the practice of industrial hygiene by a qualified individual who complies with this section except to the extent that a state statute allows the agency to regulate a specific activity that may be included in the practice of industrial hygiene.

(e) In this section, "industrial hygiene" means the science and practice devoted to the anticipation, recognition, evaluation, and control of environmental factors and stresses arising in or from the workplace that may cause illness, impaired health or well-being, or significant discomfort among workers and may also affect persons outside the workplace.