

HOUSE BILL NO. 49

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Introduced: 1/20/09

Referred: Judiciary

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to the prohibition of the exercise of the power of eminent domain**
2 **against a recreational structure for the purposes of developing a recreational facility or**
3 **project."**

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

5 * **Section 1.** AS 09.55.240(e) is amended to read:

6 (e) The power of eminent domain may not be exercised for the purpose of
7 developing a recreational facility or project if the property to be acquired includes an
8 individual landowner's personal residence **or recreational structure** or that portion of
9 an individual's property attached to and within 250 linear feet of an individual
10 landowner's personal residence **or recreational structure** unless the landowner
11 consents either before or after a condemnation proceeding has been filed. **In this**
12 **subsection, "recreational structure" means a permanent structure that is used by**
13 **the owner of or beneficiary of a trust holding legal title to the structure as a**
14 **dwelling for seasonal recreational purposes.**

1 * **Sec. 2.** AS 09.55.240(h)(3) is amended to read:
2 (3) "personal residence" means a structure that is the dwelling place of
3 an individual that
4 (A) must be used by the owner or beneficiary of a trust holding
5 legal title to the structure as a dwelling unit, as opposed to a rental, storage, or
6 other commercial space;
7 (B) must be inhabited by the owner, prior owner, or beneficiary
8 of a trust holding legal title to the structure for at least 90 days during the 12-
9 month period immediately before the date an action for the exercise of the
10 power of eminent domain is filed;
11 (C) must constitute an ordinary home for general living
12 purposes [, AS OPPOSED TO A DWELLING USED ONLY FOR
13 SEASONAL RECREATIONAL OR TEMPORARY PURPOSES]; and
14 (D) may not have been constructed, placed, or occupied for the
15 purpose of avoiding eminent domain proceedings;