

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 40(CRA)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Offered: 2/1/13

Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES HUGHES, Herron, Thompson, Isaacson, Olson, Kerttula, Johnson, Austerman, Reinbold, Keller, Gara, Lynn, Tarr, Gruenberg, Chenault, Feige, Seaton, Tuck

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act establishing a municipal tax exemption for certain farm structures."**

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

3 * **Section 1.** AS 29.45.050 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

4 (t) A municipality may by ordinance partially or totally exempt from taxation
5 a farm structure used exclusively for farming activity, or purposes directly related to
6 farming activity, if the farm structure is owned or leased by a person that is actively
7 engaged in farming and that derives at least 10 percent of the person's yearly gross
8 income from farming activity, and the structure is used for

9 (1) the growing, storage, or processing of grains, fruits, vegetables, or
10 other crops intended for human consumption and produced by the owner's or lessee's
11 farming activity;

12 (2) the storage or processing of

13 (A) feed for livestock, poultry, or other animals used in the
14 owner's or lessee's farming activity;

15 (B) milk or milk products produced by the owner's or lessee's

1 farming activity; or

2 (3) stabling or milking the owner's or lessee's dairy animals.

3 (u) In this section, "farming activity" means raising and harvesting crops;
4 feeding, breeding, and managing livestock; dairying; or any combination of those
5 activities.