Alaska State Legislature Senate Rules Committee

Session: State Capitol 103 Juneau, AK 99801 Phone: (907) 465-2995 Fax: (907) 465-6592

Rules Committee: Senator McGuire, Chair Senator Coghill Senator Huggins Senator Meyer Senator Ellis



Interim: 716 W 4th Avenue, Suite 300 Anchorage, AK 99501-2133 Phone: (907) 269-0250 Fax: (907) 269-0249

Committee on Committees
Rules Committee
Resources Committee
Judiciary Committee
Legislative Council
TAPS Troughput Decline
World Trade and Tourism

Senator Lesil McGuire, Chairman

Sponsor Statement

Senate Bill 200

Senate Bill 200, also known as "Jackson's Law" will ensure that parents who lose their unborn children through the unlawful or negligent actions of another person have a path to justice.

Jackson's Law would make Alaskan civil law consistent with the criminal law passed in 2006 in regards to the criminal liability for the death of an unborn child. That law established the unborn can be victims of murder, manslaughter and criminally negligent homicide in a criminal court. This law would mirror that law and establish that a person could also be held liable in civil court.

Alaska is one of only ten states that do not allow the parents of an unborn victim to seek accountability or damages from a guilty party. Expanding Alaska's wrongful death statutes will protect parents and provide a path toward healing.