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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

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Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES HUGHES, Herron, Thompson, Isaacson, Olson

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

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

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

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

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

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

(2) the storage or processing of

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

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

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farming activity; or

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

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

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