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Alaska State Legislature – House District 12



SPONSOR STATEMENT

Immunity for Fire Department and Members

House Bill 104 is a companion to Senate Bill 43 which extends protections to certain types of fire departments.

Under existing statute in AS 09.65.070(c) members and employees of municipal or village operated and maintained fire departments are protected from liability. However, because of the language specifying municipal and village operated and maintained fire departments, contracted volunteer and non-profit fire departments such as those in Chugiak, Fairbanks, and Girdwood, don't receive the same protection.

Because of the relationship of contracted fire departments with the government in their responsibility to provide their service, the same liability protections should be extended as those afforded to the employees of fire departments operated by municipalities.

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