

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

House Labor and Commerce Committee

Rep. Ivy Spohnholz Chair

Sectional Analysis

House Bill 310

Toll RCA, Foreclosure, Eviction, Act for Covid-19

Section 1

Suspends deadlines for action by the Regulatory Commission of Alaska during the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) public health disaster emergency:

Notwithstanding contrary provisions of AS 42, extends all statutory and regulatory deadlines for the RCA.

Section 2

Moratorium on disconnection of residential utility service:

Stops disconnection of service by a public utility defined in AS 42.05.990 to a residence for bills not paid during the public health disaster emergency on or after March 11, 2020.

Section 3

Regulatory assets for unpaid utility bills:

Allows a utility certificated under AS 42.05 to create regulatory assets for residential utility bills that are not paid during the COVID-19 emergency declaration.

Section 4

Moratorium on evictions for nonpayment of rent:

Notwithstanding a contrary provision under AS 34.03,

- (a) a landlord may not evict a person for nonpayment of rent during the declared public health disaster emergency, and,
- (b) anyone seeking protection under this section must provide an affidavit before the emergency declaration expires that they are experiencing financial hardship.

Section 5

Moratorium on foreclosures:

Notwithstanding a contrary provision under AS 09.45, AS 34.35 or another law,

- (a) a person cannot foreclose on a property of a person experiencing financial hardship during the COVID-19 public health disaster emergency, and,
- (b) a person seeing protection under this section must provide the financial institution seeing foreclosure an affidavit before the emergency declaration expires that the person is experiencing financial hardship

Section 6

Repeal

This Act is repealed April 30, 2021.

Section 7

Effective Date

This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).