

SENATE BILL NO. 58 am

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY SENATOR LEMAN

Amended: 4/6/95

Introduced: 2/1/95

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act restricting the use of the title 'industrial hygienist' and related titles and
2 initials."

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

4 * **Section 1.** AS 45.50.471(b) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

5 (38) violating AS 45.50.477(a) - (c).

6 * **Sec. 2.** AS 45.50 is amended by adding a new section to read:

7 Sec. 45.50.477. USE OF TITLES RELATING TO INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE.

8 (a) A person may not use the title "industrial hygienist," the initials "I.H.," another
9 term that includes the phrase "industrial hygiene" or similar words, or represent to the
10 public that the person is an industrial hygienist, unless the person has a baccalaureate
11 or graduate degree in industrial hygiene, biology, chemistry, engineering, physics, or
12 a closely related physical or biological science from a college or university accredited
13 by a national or regional accreditation association recognized by the Council on
14 Postsecondary Accreditation, or a degree based on equivalent academic training, and

1 has acquired competence in industrial hygiene through special studies or work
2 experience sufficient to provide the person with the ability and competence to

3 (1) anticipate and recognize the environmental factors and stresses
4 associated with work and work operations and to understand their effects on people
5 and their well-being;

6 (2) evaluate, on the basis of training and demonstrated work experience
7 and with the aid of quantitative measurement techniques, the magnitude of the factors
8 and stresses identified under (1) of this subsection in terms of their ability to impair
9 human health and well-being; and

10 (3) prescribe methods to prevent, eliminate, control, or reduce the
11 factors and stresses identified under (a) of this subsection when necessary to alleviate
12 their effects.

13 (b) A person may not use the title "industrial hygienist in training," the initials
14 "I.H.I.T.," another term involving the phrase "industrial hygienist in training" or a
15 variation of those words, or represent to the public that the person is an industrial
16 hygienist in training, unless the person is certified as an industrial hygienist in training
17 by the American Board of Industrial Hygiene.

18 (c) A person may not use the title "certified industrial hygienist," the initials
19 "C.I.H.," another term involving the phrase "certified industrial hygienist" or a
20 variation of those words, or represent to the public that the person is a certified
21 industrial hygienist unless the person is certified as a certified industrial hygienist by
22 the American Board of Industrial Hygiene.

23 (d) A state or local government agency may not prohibit or restrict the practice
24 of industrial hygiene by a qualified individual who complies with this section except
25 to the extent that a state statute allows the agency to regulate a specific activity that
26 may be included in the practice of industrial hygiene.

27 (e) In this section, "industrial hygiene" means the science and practice devoted
28 to the anticipation, recognition, evaluation, and control of environmental factors and
29 stresses arising in or from the workplace that may cause illness, impaired health or
30 well-being, or significant discomfort among workers and may also affect persons
31 outside the workplace.