

HOUSE BILL NO. 118 am

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE LABOR AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE BY REQUEST

Amended: 3/10/97

Introduced: 2/7/97

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to reporting and other requirements of certain employment
2 accidents; and providing for an effective date."

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

4 * Section 1. AS 18.60.058 is amended to read:

5 **Sec. 18.60.058. Reporting of injuries and illnesses.** (a) In the event of an
6 employment accident that is fatal to one or more employees or that results in the in-
7 patient [OVERNIGHT] hospitalization of one or more employees, the employer shall
8 report the accident orally by telephone [, TELEGRAM, RADIO,] or in person to the
9 nearest office of the division of labor standards and safety or by telephone to the
10 federal toll-free number provided by the division. The report must relate the name
11 of the establishment, the location of the accident, the time of the accident, a
12 contact person and the telephone number of the contact person, a brief
13 description [CIRCUMSTANCES] of the accident, the number of fatalities or
14 hospitalized employees, and the extent of any injuries. The report must be made

1 immediately but in no event later than **eight** [24] hours after receipt by the employer
2 of information that the accident has occurred. **However, if the employer first**
3 **receives information of a fatality or in-patient hospitalization of one or more**
4 **employees eight or more hours after the accident but within 30 days after the**
5 **accident, the employer must make the report within eight hours after receiving**
6 **information of the fatality or in-patient hospitalization. This subsection does not**
7 **apply to an employer that first receives information of a fatality or in-patient**
8 **hospitalization more than 30 days after the accident.**

9 (b) In the event of an employment accident that is fatal to one or more
10 employees or that results in **in-patient** [THE OVERNIGHT] hospitalization of two or
11 more employees, equipment, material, or product related to the injury or fatality may
12 not be moved or altered until clearance is given by the department, except when
13 compliance with this requirement would interfere for an unreasonable length of time
14 with work or create additional hazards. If equipment, material, or products must be
15 moved or altered before department clearance, the employer shall submit a detailed
16 investigative report of the accident to the division.

17 * **Sec. 2.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).