CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 243(JUD)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

Offered: 2/11/02 Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES DYSON, Coghill, James, Meyer, Croft, Berkowitz, Wilson

SENATOR Leman

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to sexual assault or abuse of a minor."

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

- 3 * **Section 1.** AS 11.41.445(b) is amended to read:
- 4 (b) In a prosecution under AS 11.41.410 11.41.440, whenever a provision of
- 5 law defining an offense depends upon a victim's being under a certain age, it is an
- affirmative defense that, at the time of the alleged offense, the defendant
- 7 (1) reasonably believed the victim to be that age or older; and
- 8 (2) undertook reasonable measures to verify that the victim was
- 9 that age or older [, UNLESS THE VICTIM WAS UNDER 13 YEARS OF AGE AT
- THE TIME OF THE ALLEGED OFFENSE].