

## LAWS OF ALASKA 2004

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Chapter No.

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

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\* Section 1. AS 45.50.537 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(e) In an action brought by the attorney general under AS 45.50.471 -

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- (e) In an action brought by the attorney general under AS 45.50.471 45.50.561, if the attorney general prevails, the state shall be awarded its actual attorney fees and costs, including costs of investigation, to the extent those fees and costs are reasonable.
- \* Sec. 2. The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to read:
- 12 INDIRECT COURT RULE CHANGES. (a) AS 45.50.537(e), added by sec. 1 of this 13 Act, has the effect of changing Rule 82, Alaska Rules of Civil Procedure, by establishing 14 different rules relating to the award of attorney fees in actions that are brought under

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- 1 AS 45.50.471 45.50.561.
- 2 (b) AS 45.50.537(e), added by sec. 1 of this Act, has the effect of changing Rules
- 3 54(d) and 79, Alaska Rules of Civil Procedure, by establishing different rules relating to the
- 4 award of costs in actions that are brought under AS 45.50.471 45.50.561.
- \* Sec. 3. The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
- 6 read:
- APPLICABILITY. AS 45.50.537(e), added by sec. 1 of this Act, applies only to
- 8 causes of action that accrue on or after the effective date of this Act.