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### Sectional Analysis

House Labor and Commerce CS for  
HB 162: Digital Product Repair  
Version L

**Section 1.** Establishes the short title.

**Section 2.** Amends 45.45 Trade Practices by adding Article 12A. Digital Product Repair and the following sections:

Sec. 45.45.800 requires that digital product manufacturers:

- Make documentation, parts, and tools necessary for diagnosis, maintenance, or repair of digital products available to independent service providers or owners of their products.

- Include changes to documentation, parts and tools made through updates, improvements, or repairs.

Sec. 45.45.810 requires digital product manufacturers to make available documentation, tools, and parts needed to reset security-related features that may be disabled during the diagnosis, maintenance, or repair of the product.

Sec. 45.45.820 prohibits digital product manufacturers from pairing parts of a digital product to one another to prevent repair or replacement.

Sec. 45.45.830 defines that digital product manufacturers don't have to make parts available if they no longer have access to the parts.

Sec. 45.45.840 requires digital product manufacturers to make documentation, parts, and tools available to independent service providers or owners of the products at a reasonable price. Manufacturers cannot charge independent service providers or owners a price higher than what they charge authorized service providers for the same documentation, parts, or tools.

Sec. 45.45.850 defines who is considered an independent service provider for the purposes of this Act.

Sec. 45.45.860 defines who is considered an authorized service provider for the purposes of this Act.

Sec. 45.45.870 states that digital product manufacturers are not obligated to disclose trade secrets to independent service providers or owners unless necessary to make documentation, parts, and tools available.

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Sec. 45.45.880 states that:

- Agreements that waive, restrict, or limit obligations of digital product manufacturers are not enforceable.
- Digital product manufacturers cannot be held liable for injuries or damages that occur during diagnosis, maintenance, or repair of products by independent service providers or owners.

Sec. 45.45.890 states that information other than product documentation in a license or contract between digital product manufacturers and authorized service providers isn't required to be made available to independent service providers or owners.

Sec. 45.45.895 states that this Act does not apply to medical devices or to motor vehicles.

Sec. 45.45.899 provides definitions.

**Section 3.** Amends AS 45.50.471(b) by adding violations of Digital Right to Repair Act statutes AS 45.45.800-45.45.899 to the list of unfair methods of competition and unfair or deceptive acts or practices declared to be unlawful.

**Section 4.** Amends the uncodified law of the State of Alaska by adding a section describing the applicability of this Act.

**Section 5.** Amends the uncodified law of the State of Alaska by adding a section stating the Act cannot change the terms of a license or contract that is in effect before the effective date of this Act.

**Section 6.** Provides the effective date of January 1, 2027.