

AMENDMENT

OFFERED IN THE HOUSE

TO: HB 400

Page 1, line 2, following "services;":

Insert **"and relating to penalties for violating fire protection and safety requirements and orders"**

Page 1, following line 9:

Insert new bill sections to read:

"* Sec. 2. AS 18.70.100(a) is amended to read:

(a) A [EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN (c) OF THIS SECTION, A] person who violates a provision of AS 18.70.010 - 18.70.100 or a regulation adopted under those sections, or who fails to comply with an order issued under AS 18.70.010 - 18.70.100, is guilty of a **violation and shall be punished as provided in AS 12.55 by a fine of not more than \$500. Each day** [CLASS B MISDEMEANOR. WHEN NOT OTHERWISE SPECIFIED, EACH 10 DAYS] that the violation or noncompliance continues is a separate offense.

*** Sec. 3.** AS 18.70.100 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

(d) A peace officer or an employee of the department who is authorized by the commissioner of public safety to enforce this chapter may issue a citation to a person who commits a violation identified under this section.

(e) A citation issued under this section must comply with the standards adopted under AS 12.25.175 - 12.25.230. A person receiving the citation is not required to sign a promise to appear in court.

(f) The time specified in the notice to appear on a citation issued under this section must be at least five working days after the issuance of the citation.

1 (g) The commissioner of public safety is responsible for the issuance of books
2 containing appropriate citations and shall maintain a record of each book and each
3 citation contained in the book. The commissioner of public safety shall require and
4 retain a receipt for each book issued to an employee of the department designated by
5 the commissioner of public safety to provide investigative services to enforce
6 provisions of this chapter.

7 (h) On or before the 10th working day after issuance of a citation, a peace
8 officer or an employee issuing a citation under this section shall deposit the original or
9 a copy of the citation with a court having jurisdiction over the alleged offense. Upon
10 the deposit of the citation with the court, the citation may be disposed of only by trial
11 in the court or other official action taken by the magistrate, judge, or prosecutor. The
12 peace officer or employee who issued the citation may not dispose of the original or
13 copies of the citation or of the record of the issuance of the citation except as required
14 under this subsection and (i) of this section.

15 (i) The commissioner of public safety shall require the return of a copy of each
16 citation issued under this section and of the copies of each citation that has been
17 spoiled or on which an entry has been made and not issued to an alleged violator. The
18 commissioner of public safety shall also maintain in connection with each citation
19 issued a record of the disposition of the charge by the court in which the original or
20 copy of the citation was deposited.

21 (j) A citation issued under this section is considered to be a lawful complaint
22 for the purpose of prosecution.

23 (k) Unless the citation has been voided or otherwise dismissed by the
24 magistrate, judge, or prosecutor, or bail has been forfeited under this section, a person
25 who fails to appear in court to answer a citation issued under this section, regardless of
26 the disposition of the charge for which the citation was issued, is guilty of failure to
27 obey a citation under AS 12.25.230(b).

28 (l) The supreme court shall establish a schedule of bail amounts. The
29 maximum bail forfeiture amount for a violation may not exceed the maximum fine
30 specified under (a) of this section for that violation. The issuing peace officer or
31 employee shall write on the citation the amount of bail forfeiture applicable to the

1 violation.

2 (m) If a person cited for a violation for which a bail forfeiture amount has
3 been established under (l) of this section does not contest the citation, the person may,
4 within 30 days after the date of the citation, mail or personally deliver to the clerk of
5 the court in which the citation is filed by the peace officer or employee

6 (1) the amount of bail indicated on the citation for that offense; and

7 (2) a copy of the citation indicating that the right to an appearance is
8 waived, a plea of no contest is entered, and the bail is forfeited.

9 (n) When the cited person has forfeited bail under (m) of this section, the court
10 shall enter a judgment of conviction. Forfeiture of bail is a complete satisfaction for
11 the violation. The clerk of the court accepting the bail forfeiture shall provide the
12 offender with a receipt stating that fact if requested.

13 (o) A person cited under this section is guilty of failure to obey a citation
14 under AS 12.25.230(b) if the person fails to pay the bail amount established under (l)
15 of this section or fails to appear in court as required.

16 (p) Notwithstanding other provisions of law, if a person cited for a violation
17 for which a bail forfeiture amount has been established under (l) of this section
18 appears in court and is found guilty, the court may not impose a penalty that exceeds
19 the forfeiture amount for that violation established under (l) of this section.

20 (q) In this section, "department" means the Department of Public Safety."
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22 Renumber the following bill section accordingly.
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24 Page 1, following line 13:

25 Insert a new bill section to read:

26 **"* Sec. 5.** AS 18.70.100(c) is repealed."