

SENATE CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 56(STA)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

**Offered:
Referred:**

**Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES LYNN AND CLAMAN, Tuck, Kawasaki, Gara, Millett, Keller, Stutes,
Johnson, Josephson, LeDoux, Tarr**

SENATORS Stoltze, Bishop, Egan

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act establishing Alaska Firefighters' Day."**

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

3 * **Section 1.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section
4 to read:

5 LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND INTENT. (a) The legislature finds that it is an
6 appropriate observance of Alaska Firefighters' Day to recognize and honor posthumously the
7 27 fallen Alaska firefighters, both career and volunteer, who have made the ultimate sacrifice
8 in the line of duty, as well as all other emergency medical and rescue personnel who have
9 made that profound sacrifice.

10 (b) In establishing Alaska Firefighters' Day, it is the intent of the legislature to
11 recognize

12 (1) all of the heroic and dedicated firefighters, paramedics, emergency medical
13 technicians, search and rescue personnel, and countless others beyond the field of active law
14 enforcement who place themselves in harm's way to serve the state and its people;

15 (2) the service of the approximate 1,500 career municipal, wildland, and

1 airport firefighters in the state; and

2 (3) the service of the approximate 6,000 volunteer municipal, village, and
3 wildland firefighters in the state.

4 * **Sec. 2.** AS 44.12 is amended by adding a new section to article 2 to read:

5 **Sec. 44.12.140. Alaska Firefighters' Day.** Alaska Firefighters' Day is
6 established on the Sunday preceding October 9 each year to honor firefighters in the
7 state. If October 9 falls on a Sunday, then Alaska Firefighters' Day is on October 9.
8 Alaska Firefighters' Day may be observed by suitable observances and exercises by
9 civic groups and the public.