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## House Bill 218 – Smoke/Fire Dampers & Smoke Control Systems

### Sectional Analysis

*"An Act relating to the inspection and testing of fire dampers, smoke dampers, combination fire and smoke dampers, and smoke control systems; and providing for an effective date."*

**Section 1** – Amends AS 18.70.080 (b) to allow the Department of Public Safety to charge reasonable fees for the inspection and testing of fire dampers, smoke dampers, combination fire and smoke dampers, and smoke control systems authorized by Section 2 of the bill.

**Section 2** – Amends AS 18.70.080 to add a new subsection requiring the Department of Public Safety to adopt regulations to require the inspection and testing of fire dampers, smoke dampers, combination fire and smoke dampers, and smoke control systems. The regulations are to be consistent with National Fire Protection Association standards 80, 92, and 105.

The regulations must apply to mental institutions, penal institutions, group residential facilities, intermediate care facilities, nursing homes, hospitals, schools, and buildings use for sleeping purposes. The regulations must also apply to buildings used for the public assembly of persons for deliberation, education, instruction, worship, entertainment, or amusement. The regulations must apply to buildings owned or occupied by the State of Alaska or by a municipality or other political subdivision of the state. The regulations must apply to all other buildings in which a fire damper, smoke damper, combination fire and smoke damper, or smoke control system has been installed.

Subsection D requires fire dampers, smoke dampers, combination fire and smoke dampers, or smoke control systems to be inspected and tested by persons with a current fire and life safety certification issued through a program accredited by the American National Standards Institute under standard ISO/IEC 17024. The

state, municipality, or other persons that conduct the inspection or testing must submit findings of noncompliance to the owner of a building and the state fire marshal.

**Section 3** – Amends AS 37.05.146 (a) (37) to clarify that receipts collected by the Department of Public Safety from fees authorized by Section 1 of the bill are accounted for separately, and appropriations from the program receipts are not made from the unrestricted general fund.

**Section 4** – Provides an effective date of January 1, 2023.