

Senator Jesse Bjorkman
Alaska State Legislature

Session Address:

Alaska State Capitol, Rm. 9
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182
Phone: (907) 465-2828
Toll Free: (800) 964-5733



Interim Address:

145 Main Street Loop, Ste. 226
Kenai, Alaska 99611-7771
Phone: (907) 283-7996
Fax: (907) 283-8127

**SB 87 Ver. A: Lumber Grading Program
Sectional Analysis**

Section 1: Adds new statutes to AS 41.17 directing the Department of Natural Resources Division of Forestry and Fire Protection to establish a local lumber grading training program for conservative grading standards established by DNR. It specifies the frequency of the courses and directs the division to identify the content of courses, qualifications for instructors, and requirements for completion. The section also provides guidance for issuing certificates, specifies the duration of the certificate, defines exceptions for certification without taking a training course, and specifies how a certificate may be revoked.

The section also adds new statutes to AS 41.17 that allow for the use of locally graded lumber in residential construction of single homes, duplexes, or triplexes. The new language allows an individual holding a lumber grading certificate to grade and sell lumber that they have produced directly to a person constructing a residence or a contractor and specifies the documentation the seller must provide. The language also provides a building inspector the authority to approve, conditionally approve, or reject the lumber for use in a residence.

Section 2: Provides an immediate effective date.