

AMENDMENT # |

OFFERED IN THE HOUSE
TO: HB 227

BY REPRESENTATIVE VANCE

1 Page 1, line 2, following "facilities":

2 Insert "; relating to a vegetation management plan for an electric utility; and
3 providing for an effective date"

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5 Page 1, line 12, following "right-of-way":

6 Insert "and the utility was in compliance with a vegetation management plan under
7 AS 42.05.141(g)"

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9 Page 2, following line 6:

10 Insert a new bill section to read:

11 **"* Sec. 2.** AS 42.05.141 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

12 (g) The commission shall adopt regulations that

13 (1) require a regulated utility that offers electrical service to establish a
14 procedure in writing by which the utility will manage vegetation to protect the
15 reliability and safety of the utility's facilities; in this paragraph, "regulated utility" has
16 the meaning given in AS 42.05.254;

17 (2) establish standards for vegetation management plans required
18 under this subsection; the standards must incorporate industry standards and provide
19 for regional, topographic, and community differences in the state; and

20 (3) do not require vegetation management plans required under this
21 subsection to be submitted to or inspected, certified, or enforced by the commission."

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23 Renumber the following bill section accordingly.

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2 Page 2, line 9:

3 Delete "This Act"

4 Insert "AS 09.65.086, added by sec. 1 of this Act,"

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6 Page 2, line 10, following "of":

7 Insert "sec. 1 of"

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9 Page 2, following line 10:

10 Insert new bill sections to read:

11 **"* Sec. 4.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
12 read:

13 **TRANSITION: REGULATIONS.** The Regulatory Commission of Alaska may adopt
14 regulations necessary to implement the changes made by this Act. The regulations take effect
15 under AS 44.62 (Administrative Procedure Act), but not before the effective date of the law
16 implemented by the regulation.

17 *** Sec. 5.** Section 4 of this Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).

18 *** Sec. 6.** Section 1 of this Act takes effect July 1, 2025."