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**AN ACT**

Relating to the duty to stop at the direction of a peace officer.

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

THE ACT FOLLOWS ON PAGE 1, LINE 9

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AN ACT

Relating to the duty to stop at the direction of a peace officer.

\* Section 1. AS 28.35 is amended by adding a new section to read:

Sec. 28.35.182. STOPPING AT DIRECTION OF PEACE OFFICER. (a) A person driving or operating a vehicle or motor vehicle, or operating an aircraft or watercraft, shall stop as soon as practical and in a reasonably safe manner under the circumstances, if requested or signalled to do so for a lawful purpose by a peace officer.

(b) If the peace officer is driving or operating a vehicle or motor vehicle or is operating an aircraft or watercraft when making the request or giving the signal to stop, the peace officer's vehicle, motor vehicle, aircraft or watercraft must be marked appropriately so that a reasonable person would recognize it as one related to law enforcement, or it must meet lighting and audible signalling requirements of law for law enforcement vehicles. If the peace officer is not driving or operating a vehicle or motor vehicle, or operating an aircraft or watercraft, the officer shall wear the uniform of office or display a badge or other symbol of authority so as to be reasonably identifiable as a peace officer.

(c) A person who knowingly fails to stop in violation of (a) of this section is guilty of a class B misdemeanor.

(d) In this section

(1) "lawful purpose" includes making an arrest or issuing a

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1 citation, preventing personal injury or property damage in an  
2 emergency, and investigating a situation when the peace officer  
3 has a reasonable suspicion that imminent public danger exists or  
4 that serious harm has recently occurred;

5 (2) "signal" means a hand motion, audible mechanical or  
6 electronic noise device, visual light device, or combination of them,  
7 used in a manner that a reasonable person would understand to mean  
8 that the peace officer intends that the person stop.  
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