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Chapter No.

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AN ACT

Relating to safety involving refrigerators and similar equipment.

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

THE ACT FOLLOWS ON PAGE 1, LINE 9

UNDERLINED MATERIAL INDICATES TEXT THAT IS BEING ADDED TO THE LAW AND BRACKETED MATERIAL IN CAPITAL LETTERS INDICATES DELETIONS FROM THE LAW; COMPLETELY NEW TEXT OR MATERIAL REPEALED AND RE-ENACTED IS IDENTIFIED IN THE INTRODUCTORY LINE OF EACH BILL SECTION.

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AN ACT

Relating to safety involving refrigerators and similar equipment.

* Section 1. AS 18.60.400 is repealed and reenacted to read:

Sec. 18.60.400. REFRIGERATOR SAFETY REQUIREMENTS. A person may not dispose of an icebox, refrigerator, freezer, or similar equipment, other than a portable cooler, of a kind and size sufficient to permit the suffocation of a person inside the equipment without first removing the latches, hinges, or cover or otherwise rendering it safe. A person may not maintain equipment described in this section in an area that is unattended by an adult and accessible to a minor unless the person ensures that the equipment does not present an unreasonable hazard to the safety of a minor. A person may not allow a violation of this section on premises or in an area under the person's control.

* Sec. 2. AS 18.60.410 is repealed and reenacted to read:

Sec. 18.60.410. EQUIPMENT TO HAVE OPENING DEVICE ON INSIDE. A person may not offer for sale an icebox, refrigerator, freezer, or similar equipment of a kind and size sufficient to permit the suffocation of a person unless the door can be opened easily from the inside, either by application of an outwardly directed force to the inside of the door or by the rotation of a knob similar to a conventional door knob.

* Sec. 3. AS 18.60.420 is amended to read:

Sec. 18.60.420. ADMINISTRATION OF AS 18.60.400 - 18.60.460. The

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1 Department of Labor shall administer AS 18.60.400 - 18.60.460. It may
2 appoint inspectors and [SHALL] inspect all iceboxes, refrigerators,
3 freezers, and similar equipment of a kind and size sufficient to
4 permit the suffocation of a person if the equipment is shipped into
5 the state.

6 * Sec. 4. AS 18.60 is amended by adding a new section to read:

7 Sec. 18.60.435. EXEMPTION. Equipment of less than 1.5 cubic
8 feet in capacity is exempt from the provisions of AS 18.60.400 -
9 18.60.460.

10 * Sec. 5. AS 18.60.440 is amended to read:

11 Sec. 18.60.440. REVIEW [APPEALS]. A person aggrieved by an
12 order or act of the Department of Labor or of an inspector under
13 AS 18.60.400 - 18.60.460 may, within 15 days after notice of the order
14 or act, request a hearing under AS 44.62.330 - 44.62.640 [APPEAL IN
15 THE MANNER PRESCRIBED BY AS 18.60.370].

16 * Sec. 6. AS 18.60.450 is repealed and reenacted to read:

17 Sec. 18.60.450. VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES. (a) Except as pro-
18 vided in (b) of this section, a person who violates a provision of
19 AS 18.60.400 - 18.60.460 is guilty of a violation.

20 (b) A person who violates a provision of AS 18.60.400 - 18.60.460
21 who has previously been convicted of violating AS 18.60.400 - 18.60.-
22 460 is guilty of a misdemeanor for which the maximum term of imprison-
23 ment that may be imposed is 30 days and the maximum fine that may be
24 imposed is \$500.

25 (c) The mental states that must be proved for an offense under
26 (a) or (b) of this section are those described in AS 11.81.610(b).
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