

**HOUSE BILL NO. 342**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

**BY REPRESENTATIVE ROKEBERG**

**Introduced: 5/9/95**

**Referred: House Special Committee on Oil and Gas, Resources**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to water quality."**

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

3 \* **Section 1.** AS 16.05.050 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

4 (b) The commissioner may not require a higher discharge water quality  
5 standard for water used than the quality of water received for the use.

6 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 38.05.020 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

7 (c) The commissioner may not require a higher discharge water quality  
8 standard for water used than the quality of water received for the use.

9 \* **Sec. 3.** AS 46.03 is amended by adding a new section to read:

10 Sec. 46.03.085. WATER QUALITY STANDARDS FOR DISCHARGED  
11 WATER. (a) If, in considering the discharge of water and establishing criteria for  
12 water quality for discharged water, the commissioner finds it necessary to establish a  
13 discharge standard for sediment, the measurement of the sediment shall be by the  
14 volumetric Imhoff Cone method.

15 (b) In applying the water quality criteria and limits authorized under this

1 chapter, the commissioner may require a person who uses water to meet a discharge  
2 standard that is compatible with downstream uses at the point of the downstream uses  
3 if the standard

4 (1) reflects a range of values that are satisfactory for the other  
5 downstream uses;

6 (2) is not more restrictive than applicable federal water quality  
7 standards; and

8 (3) does not require a higher discharge water quality than the quality  
9 of water received for the use.