

SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 64

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE DAVIES

Introduced: 2/22/95

Referred: Transportation, Judiciary, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to the operation of bicycles on state highways; prohibiting motor**
2 **vehicle operators or occupants from harassing bicycle operators; and encouraging**
3 **the safe use of bicycles as a basic means of transportation."**

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

5 *** Section 1.** AS 28.05.011 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

6 (b) The commissioner may not adopt a regulation that prohibits the operation
7 of a bicycle on a highway unless an appropriate alternative bicycle facility exists. The
8 commissioner may regulate the manner of operation of a bicycle.

9 *** Sec. 2.** AS 28.35 is amended by adding a new section to read:

10 Sec. 28.35.237. **HARASSMENT OF BICYCLIST.** A person commits the
11 crime of harassment of a bicyclist if the person, while operating a motor vehicle or as
12 a passenger of a motor vehicle, directs loud, angry, or obscene verbal abuse at an
13 operator of a bicycle for the purpose of threatening or intimidating the operator of the
14 bicycle or limiting or preventing the bicyclist's lawful use of the highway.

1 * **Sec. 3.** AS 44.42.020(a) is amended by adding new paragraphs to read:

2 (16) when planning, designing, and constructing highways, provide,
3 where appropriate and feasible, for the safe use of those highways by bicycles as a
4 basic means of transportation;

5 (17) develop facilities and programs that encourage the safe use of
6 bicycles as a basic means of transportation.