

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 456(FIN)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Offered: 5/5/96
Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): HOUSE LABOR AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to the Board of Storage Tank Assistance; and providing for
2 an effective date."

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

4 * **Section 1.** AS 44.66.010(a)(18) is amended to read:

5 (18) Board of Storage Tank Assistance (AS 46.03.360) - June 30, **2000**
6 [1996];

7 * **Sec. 2.** AS 46.03.360(a) is amended to read:

8 (a) There is established the Board of Storage Tank Assistance. For
9 administrative purposes, the board is located in the department. The board consists of
10 the **commissioner** [COMMISSIONERS] of environmental conservation [AND
11 TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC FACILITIES], or **the commissioner's designee**
12 [THEIR DESIGNEES], and the following persons who shall be appointed by the
13 governor to serve at the pleasure of the governor for staggered four-year terms:

14 (1) an engineer registered under AS 08.48 who is knowledgeable about

1 installing, upgrading, repairing, or closing underground petroleum storage tank
2 systems;

3 (2) a general contractor registered under AS 08.18 who is
4 knowledgeable about installing, upgrading, repairing, or closing underground petroleum
5 storage tank systems;

6 (3) two persons who own or operate an underground petroleum storage
7 tank system, at least one of whom does not own or operate more than 10 underground
8 petroleum storage tanks; [AND]

9 (4) a member of the insurance industry; **and**

10 **(5) a person who is a member of the general public who does not**
11 **have a financial interest in replacing, upgrading, closing, testing, or cleaning up**
12 **releases from the type of underground storage tank that is governed by**
13 **AS 46.03.360 - 46.03.450.**

14 * **Sec. 3.** AS 46.03.420(a) is amended to read:

15 (a) Subject to (b) - (i) of this section, application may be made to the
16 department by the owner or operator of an underground petroleum storage tank system,
17 other than the state or federal government, for grants and loans from the storage tank
18 assistance fund to pay for the costs of risk assessment, containment, corrective action,
19 and cleanup resulting from a release of petroleum from or associated with an
20 underground petroleum storage tank system. Applications for assistance under this
21 section must be submitted to the department before July 1, 1994. Under regulations
22 of the board, the department shall rank requests under this section in order of priority,
23 giving greatest priority to those tank systems that

24 **(1) present the greatest threat or potential threat to human health;**

25 **(2) are owned and operated by persons or firms who have the**
26 **greatest inability to demonstrate compliance with the financial responsibility**
27 **requirements of federal regulations related to tank systems; and**

28 **(3) are owned or operated by persons or firms that own or operate**
29 **10 tanks or fewer.**

30 * **Sec. 4.** This Act takes effect July 1, 1996.