

HOUSE BILL NO. 485

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Introduced: 2/9/96

Referred: State Affairs, Judiciary

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

**1 "An Act relating to interference with the distribution or reading of free
2 newspapers or other free periodicals."**

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

4 * Section 1. AS 11.46.484(a) is amended to read:

5 (a) A person commits the crime of criminal mischief in the third degree if,
6 having no right to do so or any reasonable ground to believe the person has such a
7 right,

8 (1) with intent to damage property of another, the person damages
9 property of another in an amount of \$50 or more but less than \$500;

10 (2) the person drives, tows away, or takes the propelled vehicle of
11 another;

12 (3) having custody of a propelled vehicle under a written agreement
13 with the owner of the vehicle that includes an agreement to return the vehicle to the
14 owner at a specified time, the person knowingly retains or withholds possession of the

1 vehicle without the consent of the owner for so long a period beyond the time
2 specified as to render the retention or possession of the vehicle an unreasonable
3 deviation from the agreement;

4 (4) the person tampers with a fire protection device in a building that
5 is a public place;

6 (5) the person knowingly accesses a computer, computer system,
7 computer program, computer network, or part of a computer system or network;

8 (6) the person uses a device to descramble an electronic signal that has
9 been scrambled to prevent unauthorized receipt or viewing of the signal unless the
10 device is used only to descramble signals received directly from a satellite or unless
11 the person owned the device before September 18, 1984; [OR]

12 (7) the person knowingly removes, relocates, defaces, alters, obscures,
13 shoots at, destroys, or otherwise tampers with an official traffic control device or
14 damages the work upon a highway under construction; **or**

15 **(8) with the intent to interfere with the distribution of a free**
16 **newspaper or other free periodical, or to prevent other persons from reading a**
17 **free newspaper or other free periodical, the person interferes with the distribution**
18 **of a free newspaper or periodical or prevents other persons from reading a free**
19 **newspaper or other periodical.**