

**HOUSE BILL NO. 118**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE LABOR AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE BY REQUEST

Introduced: 2/7/97

Referred: Labor and Commerce

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 "An Act relating to reporting and other requirements of certain employment  
2 accidents; and providing for an effective date."

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

4 \* **Section 1.** AS 18.60.058 is amended to read:

5           **Sec. 18.60.058. Reporting of injuries and illnesses.** (a) In the event of an  
6 employment accident that is fatal to one or more employees or that results in the **in-**  
7 **patient** [OVERNIGHT] hospitalization of one or more employees, the employer shall  
8 report the accident **orally** by telephone [, TELEGRAM, RADIO,] or in person to the  
9 nearest office of the division of labor standards and safety **or by telephone to the**  
10 **federal toll-free number provided by the division.** The report must relate the **name**  
11 **of the establishment, the location of the accident, the time of the accident, a**  
12 **contact person and the telephone number of the contact person, a brief**  
13 **description** [CIRCUMSTANCES] of the accident, the number of fatalities **or**  
14 **hospitalized employees,** and the extent of any injuries. The report must be made

1 immediately but in no event later than **eight** [24] hours after receipt by the employer  
2 of information that the accident has occurred. **However, if the employer first**  
3 **receives information of a fatality or in-patient hospitalization of one or more**  
4 **employees eight or more hours after the accident but within 30 days after the**  
5 **accident, the employer must make the report within eight hours after receiving**  
6 **information of the fatality or in-patient hospitalization. This subsection does not**  
7 **apply to an employer that first receives information of a fatality or in-patient**  
8 **hospitalization more than 30 days after the accident.**

9 (b) In the event of an employment accident that is **reportable under (a) of**  
10 **this section** [FATAL TO ONE OR MORE EMPLOYEES OR THAT RESULTS IN  
11 THE OVERNIGHT HOSPITALIZATION OF TWO OR MORE EMPLOYEES],  
12 equipment, material, or product related to the injury or fatality may not be moved or  
13 altered until clearance is given by the department, except when compliance with this  
14 requirement would interfere for an unreasonable length of time with work or create  
15 additional hazards. If equipment, material, or products must be moved or altered  
16 before department clearance, the employer shall submit a detailed investigative report  
17 of the accident to the division.

18 \* **Sec. 2.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).