

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 479(L&C)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE LABOR AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE

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Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): HOUSE LABOR AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to recognition of employers who hire Alaskans."

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

3 * **Section 1.** AS 23.05 is amended by adding a new section to read:

4 **Article 6. Recognition of Employers Who Hire Alaskans.**

5 **Sec. 23.05.400. Certificates and identification seals in recognition of**

6 **employers who hire Alaskans.** (a) The department shall issue an Alaska hire
7 certificate and identification seal to an employer who

8 (1) applies to the department for the certificate and seal;

9 (2) pays the application fee established under (d) of this section; and

10 (3) meets the employment standard established under (b) of this section.

11 (b) An employer is entitled to a certificate and seal under this section if the
12 employer's work force consists of at least 80 percent state residents as determined by
13 the department. The department may consider an employee to be a state resident for
14 purposes of this subsection only if the employee is included in both the most recent
15 permanent fund dividend file maintained by the Department of Revenue and the most

1 recent wage file maintained by the Department of Labor.

2 (c) An employer who does not meet standards established by this section may
3 not display the certificate or use the identification seal.

4 (d) The application fee for an Alaska hire certificate and identification seal is
5 \$30. The department shall periodically review the amount of the fee to ensure that the
6 cost of operating the program to the state is offset by the amount received in applicant
7 fees. If the amount received by the state is substantially different from the cost of
8 operating the program, the department shall adjust the fee by regulation so that the
9 amount anticipated to be received will approximately equal the anticipated cost.
10 Money collected under this section shall be deposited into the general fund and
11 separately accounted for under AS 37.05.142. The annual estimated balance in the
12 account maintained under AS 37.05.142 for fees collected under this section may be
13 appropriated by the legislature for the department's cost in operating this program or
14 for any other lawful purpose. Nothing in this subsection creates a dedicated fund.

15 (e) The department shall, by regulation, establish the design of the Alaska hire
16 certificate and identification seal. A certificate or seal awarded under this section shall
17 state the year for which it is awarded.

18 (f) The department shall adopt regulations under AS 44.62 (Administrative
19 Procedure Act) to implement this section.