

**SENATE BILL NO. 308**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY SENATOR WARD

Introduced: 2/16/98

Referred: Community and Regional Affairs, Finance

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 "An Act relating to authorizing the Department of Corrections to enter into an  
2 agreement to lease replacement facilities for the Sixth Avenue Jail for the  
3 confinement and care of prisoners with the Municipality of Anchorage; and  
4 providing for an effective date."

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

6 \* **Section 1.** AUTHORIZATION TO LEASE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY SPACE  
7 WITH THIRD-PARTY CONTRACTOR OPERATION. (a) To relieve overcrowding of  
8 existing correctional facilities within the state and the extensive use of out-of-state correctional  
9 facilities to house Alaska inmates and to replace the Sixth Avenue Jail, the Department of  
10 Corrections may enter into an agreement with the Municipality of Anchorage to lease space  
11 within a correctional facility that will house persons who are committed to the custody of the  
12 commissioner of corrections. The agreement must provide that the state agrees to lease the  
13 space for a minimum of 20 years.

14 (b) The agreement to lease entered into under this section is predicated on and must

1 provide for an agreement between the Municipality of Anchorage and a private third-party  
2 contractor under which the private third-party contractor designs, builds, and operates the  
3 facility by providing for custody, care, and discipline services for persons held by the  
4 commissioner of corrections under authority of state law.

5 (c) The authorization given by (a) of this section is subject to the following condition:  
6 the lease must provide for 200 jail beds with the physical capability to expand by multiple  
7 bunking to 400 jail beds.

8 \* **Sec. 2.** APPLICABILITY. The provisions of AS 33.30.031(a) and (c) do not apply to  
9 an agreement to lease a correctional facility in accordance with the provisions of sec. 1 of this  
10 Act.

11 \* **Sec. 3.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).