

**HOUSE BILL NO. 318**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVES BUNDE, Dyson, Croft

Introduced: 1/26/00

Referred: Judiciary, Finance

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 "An Act relating to property disposal by law enforcement agencies."

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

3 \* **Section 1.** AS 12.36 is amended by adding a new section to read:

4 **Sec. 12.36.045. When finder of property is considered the owner.** (a)

5 When a private individual obtains property of another that is lost, mislaid, or delivered  
6 to the individual by mistake, the individual delivers that property to a law enforcement  
7 agency, and the true owner of the property remains unknown for a period of one year  
8 or does not claim the property within one year, the individual delivering the property  
9 shall be considered the owner of the property under this chapter if possession of the  
10 property by the individual is otherwise legal.

11 (b) This section does not apply to property that comes into the custody of a  
12 law enforcement agency of a municipality that has adopted an ordinance providing for  
13 the custody and disposition of property that meets the requirements specified in  
14 AS 12.36.030(c).