

HOUSE BILL NO. 271

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE LABOR AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE

Introduced: 5/4/01

Referred: Labor and Commerce, Judiciary

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to recovery of punitive damages resulting from an aviation accident;**
2 **and providing for an effective date."**

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

4 * **Section 1.** AS 09.17.020(h) is amended to read:

5 (h) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in an action against

6 **(1)** an employer to recover damages for an unlawful employment
7 practice prohibited by AS 18.80.220, the amount of punitive damages awarded by the
8 court or jury may not exceed

9 **(A)** [(1)] \$200,000 if the employer has **fewer** [LESS] than 100
10 employees in this state;

11 **(B)** [(2)] \$300,000 if the employer has 100 or more but **fewer**
12 [LESS] than 200 employees in this state;

13 **(C)** [(3)] \$400,000 if the employer has 200 or more but **fewer**
14 [LESS] than 500 employees in this state; and

1 **(D) [(4)] \$500,000 if the employer has 500 or more employees**
2 **in this state; and**

3 **(2) an owner or operator of an aviation business to recover**
4 **damages resulting from an aviation accident, the amount of punitive damages**
5 **awarded by the court or jury may not exceed**

6 **(A) \$500,000 if the owner or operator has fewer than 100**
7 **employees in this state;**

8 **(B) \$750,000 if the owner or operator has 100 or more but**
9 **fewer than 200 employees in this state; and**

10 **(C) \$1,000,000 if the owner or operator has 200 or more**
11 **employees in this state.**

12 * **Sec. 2.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
13 read:

14 **APPLICABILITY.** This Act applies to a cause of action that accrues on or after the
15 effective date of this Act.

16 * **Sec. 3.** This Act takes effect on July 1, 2001.