

HOUSE BILL NO. 294

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVES COGHILL, Morgan

Introduced: 1/14/02

Referred: Labor and Commerce

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act requiring certain businesses to recognize postmark dates as the date of**
2 **payment."**

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

4 *** Section 1.** AS 45.45 is amended by adding a new section to read:

5 **Sec. 45.45.920. Date of payment for services.** (a) Unless otherwise required
6 by federal law and notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, when a
7 purchaser of services pays for the services by mail, the provider of the services may
8 not use a date later than the postmark date on the mailed payment as the date when the
9 provider considers that the payment was made.

10 (b) In this section,

11 (1) "provider" means a person, including a public utility, who engages
12 in the business of providing services to another person for payment; in this paragraph,
13 "public utility" has the meaning given in AS 42.05.990;

14 (2) "services" includes electrical services, telephone services, and

1 credit card services.

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

4 APPLICABILITY. AS 45.45.920, added by sec. 1 of this bill, does not apply to a
5 contract for services that is entered into before the effective date of this Act if the contract
6 contains a provision that conflicts with AS 45.45.920.