

HOUSE BILL NO. 33

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

BY REPRESENTATIVE GUESS

Introduced: 1/8/01

Referred: Judiciary, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to reporting dead bodies to law enforcement."**

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

3 *** Section 1.** AS 11.56 is amended by adding a new section to read:

4 **Sec. 11.56.767. Failure to report a dead body.** (a) A person commits the
5 crime of failure to report a dead body if the person observes the dead body of a person
6 or parts of the body of a person under circumstances that would lead a reasonable
7 person to believe that the person whose dead body or body parts were observed was
8 the victim of a crime and does not in a timely manner report the existence and location
9 of the dead body or body parts to a peace officer or law enforcement agency.

10 (b) In a prosecution under this section, it is an affirmative defense that the
11 defendant did not report in a timely manner because the defendant reasonably believed
12 that doing so would have exposed the defendant or others to a substantial risk of
13 physical injury.

14 (c) Failure to report a dead body is a class A misdemeanor.