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AMENDMENT # 4

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TO: CSHB 145 (FIN), Version "Q"

Page 1, line 1, through page 3, line 23: (title amendment )

Delete all material and insert:

"An Act relating to certain public interest litigation effecting natural resource permitting decisions and to expedited trials and appeals; and providing for an effective date."

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

\* **Section 1.** AS 09.20 is amended by adding a new section to read:

**Article 3. Expedited Trial.**

**Sec. 09.20.200. Expedited resolution for certain public interest litigation.** In a civil action contesting a decision of the Department of Environmental Conservation, the Department of Fish and Game, or the Department of Natural Resources making a coastal consistency determination, adopting regulations, or for which there was an opportunity for the public to comment to the agency before the final agency decision and to seek administrative review before the agency following the initial agency decision, the courts of this state shall provide expedited consideration of the action. If the action under this section proceeds to trial or oral argument, the trial or oral argument must commence not more than 120 days following the filing of the action unless the person filing the action agrees to a later date.

Renumber the following bill sections accordingly.