

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 18(JUD) am
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

Amended: 5/15/03

Offered: 4/2/03

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES MEYER, Rokeberg, Gatto, Dahlstrom, Anderson, Lynn

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to the liability of parents and legal guardians of minors who destroy**
2 **property."**

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

4 *** Section 1.** AS 34.50.020(a) is amended to read:

5 (a) A person, municipal corporation, association, village, school district, or
6 religious or charitable organization, incorporated or unincorporated, may recover
7 damages in a civil action in an amount not to exceed **\$15,000** [\$10,000] and court
8 costs from either parent, both parents, or the legal guardian of an unemancipated
9 minor under the age of 18 years who, as a result of a knowing or intentional act,
10 destroys real or personal property belonging to the person, municipal corporation,
11 association, village, school district, or religious or charitable organization. However,
12 for purposes of this subsection, recovery in damages shall be apportioned by the court
13 between the parents or between the parents and legal guardian, or both, without regard
14 to legal custody but with due consideration for the actual care and custody of the

1 minor provided by the parents or legal guardian.

2 * **Sec. 2.** AS 34.50.020 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

3 (d) Liability for the conduct described in this section shall not attach to the
4 legal guardian of any child who has been adopted after being in state custody,
5 including foster care.