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**CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 56(L&C)**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE LABOR AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE

Offered: 4/28/03

Referred: Judiciary

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES GARA, Crawford, Lynn, Croft, Kerttula, Berkowitz, Anderson,  
Guttenberg, Gruenberg

SENATORS Dyson, Elton, Ellis, French, Cowdery, Olson

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to the award to the state of actual reasonable attorney fees and costs,**  
2 **including costs of investigation, in certain court actions relating to unfair trade**  
3 **practices; and amending Rules 54(d), 79, and 82, Alaska Rules of Civil Procedure."**

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

5 \* **Section 1.** AS 45.50.537 is amended by adding a new section to read:

6 (e) In an action brought by the attorney general under AS 45.50.471 -  
7 45.50.561, if the attorney general prevails, the state shall be awarded its actual  
8 attorney fees and costs, including costs of investigation, to the extent those fees and  
9 costs are reasonable.

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

12 **INDIRECT COURT RULE CHANGES.** (a) AS 45.50.537(e), added by sec. 1 of this  
13 Act, has the effect of changing Rule 82, Alaska Rules of Civil Procedure, by establishing  
14 different rules relating to the award of attorney fees in actions that are brought under

1 AS 45.50.471 - 45.50.561.

2 (b) AS 45.50.537(e), added by sec. 1 of this Act, has the effect of changing Rules  
3 54(d) and 79, Alaska Rules of Civil Procedure, by establishing different rules relating to the  
4 award of costs in actions that are brought under AS 45.50.471 - 45.50.561.

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

7 **APPLICABILITY.** AS 45.50.537(e), added by sec. 1 of this Act, applies only to  
8 causes of action that accrue on or after the effective date of this Act.