

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 269(L&C)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE LABOR AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE

Offered: 5/2/03

Referred: Finance

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVE DAHLSTROM

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act establishing the Safety Code Task Force; and providing for an effective date."**

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

3 * **Section 1.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section
4 to read:

5 SAFETY CODE TASK FORCE. (a) There is established in the legislative branch of
6 state government the Safety Code Task Force. The task force shall consist of nine voting
7 members, as follows:

8 (1) one state senator appointed by the president of the senate;

9 (2) one state representative appointed by the speaker of the house of
10 representatives;

11 (3) one member of the administration appointed by the governor;

12 (4) the following members appointed jointly by the president of the senate and
13 the speaker of the house of representatives:

14 (A) one member representing the construction design community;

15 (B) one member representing the construction engineering community;

- 1 (C) one member representing construction general contractors;
- 2 (D) one member representing the mechanical construction industry;
- 3 (E) one member representing the electrical construction industry; and
- 4 (F) one member representing the plumbing construction industry.

5 (b) The task force shall

6 (1) discuss the features of the available published safety codes and
7 recommend a consistent set of codes to be adopted for the state;

8 (2) discuss and make recommendations on having one state agency
9 responsible for the adoption and administration of all safety codes; and

10 (3) discuss and make recommendations on the methods and authority for local
11 governments to amend and administer safety codes.

12 (c) The governor shall appoint a person from the Division of Occupational Licensing
13 in the Department of Community and Economic Development, a person from the Division of
14 Fire Prevention in the Department of Public Safety, and a person from the Department of
15 Labor and Workforce Development to participate on an advisory panel to the task force. The
16 president of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives may jointly appoint the
17 following additional members to the advisory panel:

- 18 (1) a municipal building official;
- 19 (2) a municipal fire prevention official;
- 20 (3) a journeyman mechanical installer;
- 21 (4) a journeyman plumber;
- 22 (5) a journeyman electrician;
- 23 (6) a building developer;
- 24 (7) a representative of the Alaska Oil and Gas Association;
- 25 (8) a representative of a pipeline operator;
- 26 (9) a representative from the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation;
- 27 (10) a representative of the Alaska Homebuilders Association; and
- 28 (11) a representative from a regional housing authority.

29 (d) If additional organizations, or industries, trades, or professions show an interest in
30 participating, the president of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives may
31 jointly appoint additional members to the advisory panel.

1 (e) The advisory panel may only participate in the operations of the task force by
2 providing advice to the members of the task force on how the issues addressed by the task
3 force currently affect the advisory panel members' respective agencies, organizations, and
4 occupations and how any proposals would affect those agencies, organizations, and
5 occupations in the future.

6 (f) The members of the task force appointed under (a)(1) and (2) shall serve as co-
7 chairs of the task force.

8 (g) The task force shall meet as frequently as its members determine necessary to
9 perform the task force's work and may meet during the interim between sessions. The task
10 force may meet and vote by teleconference.

11 (h) The members of the task force appointed under (a) of this section are not eligible
12 for compensation but are entitled to per diem and travel expenses authorized for boards and
13 commissions under AS 39.20.180.

14 (i) The task force shall submit a written report of its findings and recommendations to
15 the legislature on or before the first day of the Second Regular Session of the Twenty-Third
16 Alaska State Legislature.

17 * **Sec. 2.** This Act is repealed on the first legislative day of the Second Regular Session of
18 the Twenty-Third Alaska State Legislature.

19 * **Sec. 3.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).