

**HOUSE BILL NO. 394**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

**BY REPRESENTATIVE MEYER**

**Introduced: 1/25/06**

**Referred: Labor and Commerce, Finance**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to allowing insurance policies to be filed, approved, and delivered in**  
2 **languages other than English if an official English language version is also provided."**

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

4 **\* Section 1.** AS 21.42 is amended by adding a new section to read:

5 **Sec. 21.42.175. Foreign language translations.** (a) An insurer may file and  
6 the director may approve an insurance policy, form, or associated material in  
7 languages other than English if the insurance policy, form, or associated material

8 (1) is filed with the division with a copy of the same material in  
9 English; and

10 (2) discloses in the language other than English, and in English, that  
11 the English language version is the official version and a foreign language version is  
12 for informational purposes only.

13 (b) The English language version of the insurance policy, form, or associated  
14 material shall be considered the official version for purposes of application and

1 interpretation.

2 (c) An insurer that knowingly misrepresents information in an insurance  
3 policy, form, or associated material translated into a language other than English shall  
4 be subject to the general penalty for violations of this title under AS 21.90.020.