

HOUSE BILL NO. 460

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Referred: State Affairs, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to the Alaska State Troopers and rural law enforcement and requiring**
2 **the Department of Public Safety to station a trooper in certain rural communities with**
3 **populations of 500 or more."**

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

5 *** Section 1.** AS 18.65 is amended by adding a new section to read:

6 **Sec. 18.65.083. Rural law enforcement unit; requirement for trooper**
7 **presence.** (a) There is established in the Department of Public Safety, division of state
8 troopers, a rural law enforcement unit responsible for law enforcement in rural areas
9 of the state.

10 (b) The Department of Public Safety, division of state troopers, rural law
11 enforcement unit, shall station a state trooper in each rural community in the state. In
12 this subsection,

13 (1) "connected by road" does not include a connection by the Alaska
14 marine highway system;

1 (2) "rural community" means a city as defined in AS 29.71.800 or an
2 unincorporated community as defined in AS 29.60.140 with a population of at least
3 500 but

4 (A) less than 5,000 that is not connected by road or rail to
5 Anchorage or Fairbanks; or

6 (B) less than 2,000 that is connected by road or rail to
7 Anchorage or Fairbanks.