

SENATE BILL NO. 261

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

Introduced: 2/1/06

Referred: Transportation, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to the designation of traffic safety corridors; relating to the bail or fine
2 for an offense committed in a traffic safety corridor and to separately accounting for
3 such fines; and providing for an effective date."

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

5 * **Section 1.** AS 19.10 is amended by adding a new section to read:

6 **Sec. 19.10.075. Designation of traffic safety corridors.** (a) To promote traffic
7 safety, the department may designate portions of a highway to be a traffic safety
8 corridor by posting signs at the beginning and end of the corridor. A motor vehicle or
9 traffic offense committed within a traffic safety corridor is subject to double fines as
10 provided in AS 28.40.070. A claim for damages may not be made against the state or
11 its officers, employees, or agents for an act or omission relating to the designation and
12 posting of a traffic safety corridor.

13 (b) The legislature may appropriate 50 percent of the fines for offenses
14 committed in a traffic safety corridor imposed under AS 28.40.070, and collected and

1 separately accounted for by the state under AS 37.05.142, to the Department of
2 Transportation and Public Facilities, highway safety planning agency, for highway
3 safety programs.

4 * **Sec. 2.** AS 28.05.151(d) is amended to read:

5 (d) The supreme court, in establishing scheduled amounts of bail under this
6 section, and each municipality that establishes or has established a fine schedule under
7 this section shall provide that the scheduled amount of bail or fine, as applicable, for a
8 motor vehicle or traffic offense that is committed in a highway work zone **or in a**
9 **traffic safety corridor** shall be double the amount of the bail or fine for the offense if
10 it had not been committed in a highway work zone **or in a traffic safety corridor**.

11 * **Sec. 3.** AS 28.40.070 is amended to read:

12 **Sec. 28.40.070. Fines for offenses committed within highway work zones**
13 **and traffic safety corridors doubled.** Whenever a person violates a provision of this
14 title or a regulation adopted under the authority of this title within a highway work
15 zone **or within a traffic safety corridor**, notwithstanding the amount of the fine or
16 the maximum fine set under this title, the fine, or maximum fine, is double the amount
17 provided in this title.

18 * **Sec. 4.** AS 28.40.070 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

19 (b) Fines imposed and collected under this section for offenses that are
20 committed in a traffic safety corridor shall be separately accounted for under
21 AS 37.05.142.

22 * **Sec. 5.** AS 28.40.100(a) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

23 (27) "traffic safety corridor" means a portion of a highway posted as a
24 traffic safety corridor under AS 19.10.075.

25 * **Sec. 6.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).