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CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 21(STA)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Offered: 2/7/07

Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES HARRIS, HAWKER, DAHLSTROM AND WILSON, Lynn, Kerttula,
Johnson, Meyer, Johansen**A BILL****FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 "An Act relating to the state flag; and relating to the proper retirement of an official
2 state flag."

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

4 * **Section 1.** AS 44.09.020 is amended to read:

5 **Sec. 44.09.020. State flag.** The design of the official flag is eight gold stars in
6 a field of blue, so selected for its simplicity, its originality, and its symbolism. The
7 blue, one of the national colors, typifies the evening sky, the blue of the sea and of
8 mountain lakes, and of wild flowers that grow in Alaskan soil, the gold being
9 significant of the wealth that lies hidden in Alaska's hills and streams.
10 The stars, seven of which form the constellation Ursa Major, the Great Bear, the most
11 conspicuous constellation in the northern sky, contains the stars which form the
12 "Dipper," including the "Pointers" which point toward the eighth star in the flag,
13 Polaris, the North Star, the ever constant star for the mariner, the explorer, hunter,
14 trapper, prospector, woodsman, and the surveyor. For Alaska the northernmost star in

1 the galaxy of stars represents Alaska, [AND WHICH AT SOME FUTURE TIME
2 WILL TAKE ITS PLACE AS] the forty-ninth star in the national emblem.

3 The flag of the Territory of Alaska is the official flag of the state. The standard
4 proportions and size graphically delineated herein shall be used in the manufacture of
5 the official flag of Alaska. The stars shall be the color of natural yellow gold and the
6 field of blue shall be of the same shade of blue used in the official manufacture of the
7 national emblem of the United States. The design, standard proportions, and size are
8 as follows:

9 (THE DESIGN, STANDARD PROPORTIONS, AND SIZE OF THE STATE FLAG
10 ARE SET OUT IN THE PRINTED STATUTES.)

11 * **Sec. 2.** AS 44.09.030 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

12 (c) An official flag of the state that is no longer a fitting emblem for display
13 because it is worn, tattered, or otherwise damaged may be respectfully retired by fire.