

**HOUSE BILL NO. 83**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVES RAMRAS, STOLTZE, DAHLSTROM, AND NEUMAN, Crawford

Introduced: 1/16/07

Referred: Labor and Commerce, Finance

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to the amount and payment of the state business license fee and to a**  
2 **civil fine for not having a current business license; and providing for an effective date."**

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

4 **\* Section 1.** AS 43.70.020 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

5 (e) If a person knowingly engages in a business in the state without having a  
6 current license issued under (a) of this section, the department may impose a civil fine  
7 of up to \$100. In this subsection, "knowingly" has the meaning given in AS 11.81.900.

8 **\* Sec. 2.** AS 43.70.030(a) is amended to read:

9 (a) The fee for each business license is \$50 a [\$100 PER] year [, EXCEPT  
10 THAT THE FEE IS \$50 IF

11 (1) THE BUSINESS IS A SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP; AND

12 (2) THE SOLE PROPRIETOR IS 65 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER  
13 WHEN THE SOLE PROPRIETOR APPLIES FOR THE LICENSE OR WILL  
14 REACH 65 YEARS OF AGE AT ANY TIME DURING THE YEAR FOR WHICH

1 THE LICENSE IS ISSUED].

2 \* **Sec. 3.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
3 read:

4 TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS: APPLICABILITY AND APPORTIONMENT OF  
5 FEE CHANGE. (a) The annual fee for a business license that is paid in 2007 before July 1,  
6 2007 is the rate established under AS 43.70.030(a), as that subsection exists before being  
7 amended by sec. 2 of this Act.

8 (b) Notwithstanding AS 43.70.030(a), as amended by sec. 2 of this Act or as that  
9 section exists before being amended by sec. 2 of this Act, a person who obtains a business  
10 license under AS 43.70.020(a) on or after January 1, 2007, but before January 1, 2009, shall  
11 pay a fee for the license that is apportioned to reflect the period of the license when the fee  
12 amount for the license is subject to AS 43.70.030(a), as that subsection exists before July 1,  
13 2007, and the period of the license when the fee amount for the license is subject to  
14 AS 43.70.030(a), as that subsection is amended by sec. 2 of this Act.

15 \* **Sec. 4.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
16 read:

17 TRANSITIONAL PROVISION: REGULATIONS. The Department of Commerce,  
18 Community, and Economic Development shall adopt regulations necessary to implement the  
19 changes made by this Act, including the apportionment of license fees under sec. 3 of this  
20 Act. The regulations take effect under AS 44.62 (Administrative Procedure Act), but not  
21 before July 1, 2007.

22 \* **Sec. 5.** Section 4 of this Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).

23 \* **Sec. 6.** Except as provided in sec. 5 of this Act, this Act takes effect July 1, 2007.