

HOUSE BILL NO. 388

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

BY REPRESENTATIVE GUTTENBERG BY REQUEST

Introduced: 2/23/10

Referred: Transportation, State Affairs

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to registration and operation of minitrucks."**

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

3 *** Section 1.** AS 28.05.011(a) is amended to read:

4 (a) The commissioner of public safety shall, unless otherwise provided by
5 statute, adopt regulations in compliance with AS 44.62 (Administrative Procedure
6 Act) necessary to carry out the provisions of this title and other statutes whose
7 administration is vested in the Department of Public Safety. The regulations must
8 include

9 (1) rules of the road relating to the driving, stopping, standing, parking,
10 and other conduct of vehicles, to pedestrians, and to official traffic control devices;
11 regulations adopted under this paragraph may not prohibit the use of an electric
12 personal motor vehicle on a sidewalk, bike path, or vehicular way or area restricted to
13 the use of pedestrians; limitations on regulation of electric personal motor vehicles
14 imposed under this paragraph do not apply to a municipal ordinance regulating electric
15 personal motor vehicles enacted to meet local requirements;

1 (2) minimum equipment for vehicles, including minimum standards of
2 compliance to be met by manufacturers and vehicle sales and repairs businesses;

3 (3) inspection of vehicles other than commercial motor vehicles, and
4 the removal of vehicles from areas of public use when they are found to be in a
5 defective or unsafe condition;

6 (4) abandonment of vehicles;

7 (5) management of records of the Department of Public Safety
8 required for that department's administration of this title and its regulations adopted
9 under this title, including provisions for ensuring the accuracy of information
10 contained in automated and manual information retrieval systems;

11 (6) definitions of words and phrases used in this title and in regulations
12 adopted under this title unless otherwise provided by statute;

13 (7) certification and regulation of junk yards;

14 **(8) provisions that**

15 **(A) restrict the use of a minitruck on any highway with a**
16 **maximum posted speed of more than 65 miles an hour;**

17 **(B) prohibit a person from operating a minitruck so slowly**
18 **as to impede the normal and reasonable movement of traffic, except when**
19 **the slow speed is necessary for safe operation or for compliance with**
20 **statutes, regulations, or ordinances.**

21 * **Sec. 2.** AS 28.90.990(a) is amended by adding new paragraphs to read:

22 (31) "minitruck" means a type of pick-up truck that meets weight,
23 equipment, and safety standards set by the department by regulation and that has not
24 been modified to have a maximum speed greater than 70 miles an hour;

25 (32) "pick-up truck" means a type of motor vehicle constructed with a
26 partially open body designed for the transportation of both persons and property.