

**SENATE BILL NO. 158**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY SENATOR DYSON

Introduced: 3/20/09

Referred: State Affairs, Judiciary

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to the return of property used as evidence to the owner."**

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

3 \* **Section 1.** AS 12.36.020(c) is amended to read:

4 (c) If wrongfully taken or damaged property is not photographed and  
5 authenticated under AS 12.45.086 and the property is used as evidence in a criminal  
6 proceeding or a children's court proceeding, the law enforcement agency in possession  
7 of the property shall return it to the owner upon presentation of satisfactory proof of  
8 ownership within 60 days after the final disposition of the case **or when the law**  
9 **enforcement agency determines that the property itself is no longer required to**  
10 **be retained as evidence, whichever occurs first.**