

HOUSE BILL NO. 305

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Introduced: 1/30/12

Referred: Community and Regional Affairs

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to a mandatory exemption for certain residences owned by a religious**
2 **organization."**

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

4 *** Section 1.** AS 29.45.030(b) is amended to read:

5 (b) In (a) of this section, "property used exclusively for religious purposes"
6 includes the following property owned by a religious organization:

7 (1) the residence of [AN EDUCATOR IN A PRIVATE RELIGIOUS
8 OR PAROCHIAL SCHOOL OR] a bishop, pastor, priest, rabbi, minister, or religious
9 order of a recognized religious organization; [FOR PURPOSES OF THIS
10 PARAGRAPH, "MINISTER" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS

11 (A) ORDAINED, COMMISSIONED, OR LICENSED AS A
12 MINISTER ACCORDING TO STANDARDS OF THE RELIGIOUS
13 ORGANIZATION FOR ITS MINISTERS; AND

14 (B) EMPLOYED BY THE RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION

1 TO CARRY OUT A MINISTRY OF THAT RELIGIOUS
2 ORGANIZATION;]

3 (2) a structure, its furniture, and its fixtures used solely for public
4 worship, charitable purposes, religious administrative offices, religious education, or a
5 nonprofit hospital;

6 (3) lots required by local ordinance for parking near a structure defined
7 in (2) of this subsection.