

HOUSE BILL NO. 341

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act amending the definition of 'disaster' to include erosion of land by water."**

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

3 * **Section 1.** AS 26.23.900(2) is amended to read:

4 (2) "disaster" means the occurrence or imminent threat of widespread
5 or severe damage, injury, loss of life or property, or shortage of food, water, or fuel
6 resulting from

7 (A) an incident such as storm, high water, wind-driven water,
8 tidal wave, tsunami, **erosion of land by water**, earthquake, volcanic eruption,
9 landslide, mudslide, avalanche, snowstorm, prolonged extreme cold, drought,
10 fire, flood, epidemic, explosion, or riot;

11 (B) the release of oil or a hazardous substance if the release
12 requires prompt action to avert environmental danger or mitigate
13 environmental damage;

14 (C) equipment failure if the failure is not a predictably frequent
15 or recurring event or preventable by adequate equipment maintenance or

1 operation;

2 (D) enemy or terrorist attack or a credible threat of imminent
3 enemy or terrorist attack in or against the state that the adjutant general of the
4 Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs or a designee of the adjutant
5 general, in consultation with the commissioner of public safety or a designee of
6 the commissioner of public safety, certifies to the governor has a high
7 probability of occurring in the near future; the certification must meet the
8 standards of AS 26.20.040(c); in this subparagraph, "attack" has the meaning
9 given under AS 26.20.200; or

10 (E) an outbreak of disease or a credible threat of an imminent
11 outbreak of disease that the commissioner of health and social services or a
12 designee of the commissioner of health and social services certifies to the
13 governor has a high probability of occurring in the near future; the certification
14 must be based on specific information received from a local, state, federal, or
15 international agency, or another source that the commissioner or the designee
16 determines is reliable;