

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 198(JUD)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

Offered: 4/14/12

Referred: Finance

Sponsor(s): SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act establishing procedures relating to issuance, suspension, or revocation of**
2 **certification of police officers by the Alaska Police Standards Council; making**
3 **confidential certain information that personally identifies a police officer; relating to**
4 **requesting or requiring police officers to submit to lie detector tests; and providing for**
5 **an effective date."**

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

7 *** Section 1.** AS 18.65.240(c) is repealed and reenacted to read:

8 (c) If a police officer does not meet the standards adopted under (a)(2) of this
9 section, the council may,

10 (1) before filing an accusation or a statement of issue under
11 AS 44.62.330 - 44.62.630, suspend a certificate that has been issued to the police
12 officer;

13 (2) following the filing of an accusation, hearing, and decision under

1 AS 44.62.330 - 44.62.630, revoke the certificate of a police officer;

2 (3) following the filing of a statement of issues, hearing, and decision
3 under AS 44.62.330 - 44.62.630, refuse to issue a certificate to an applicant.

4 * **Sec. 2.** AS 18.65 is amended by adding a new section to read:

5 **Sec. 18.65.244. Deference to prior resolutions.** In a proceeding to revoke,
6 suspend, or refuse to issue a certificate to a police officer, the council may consider
7 past disciplinary actions against the police officer. However, the council shall give
8 substantial weight to the significance of a past removal or reversal of the disciplinary
9 action if the removal or reversal was the result of

10 (1) an arbitration or grievance proceeding under a collective
11 bargaining agreement;

12 (2) a grievance, hearing, or other proceeding under applicable
13 personnel rules;

14 (3) a proceeding under AS 44.62 (Administrative Procedure Act); or

15 (4) an appeal to a court.

16 * **Sec. 3.** AS 39.90.100(a) is amended to read:

17 (a) A public employer may not discharge, threaten, or otherwise discriminate
18 against an employee regarding the employee's compensation, terms, conditions,
19 location, or privileges of employment [BECAUSE]

20 (1) **because** the employee, or a person acting on behalf of the
21 employee, reports to a public body or is about to report to a public body a matter of
22 public concern; [OR]

23 (2) **because** the employee participates in a court action, an
24 investigation, a hearing, or an inquiry held by a public body on a matter of public
25 concern; **or**

26 **(3) in the case of an employee who is a police officer, because the**
27 **employee refuses under (e) of this section to submit to a test conducted with a lie**
28 **detector device after being hired.**

29 * **Sec. 4.** AS 39.90.100 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

30 (e) A police officer who works for a public employer may, after being hired,
31 refuse a request by the employer to submit to a test conducted with a lie detector

1 device. The refusal and the underlying request

2 (1) are confidential;

3 (2) may not be made part of the police officer's personnel file or
4 employment record.

5 (f) In this section, "lie detector device" means a polygraph, deceptograph,
6 voice stress analyzer, psychological stress evaluator, or other similar device,
7 mechanical or electrical, that is used to obtain data to support a diagnostic opinion
8 regarding the honesty or dishonesty of a natural person.

9 * **Sec. 5.** AS 40.25 is amended by adding a new section to read:

10 **Sec. 40.25.145. Confidentiality of police officer information.** (a) Except as
11 provided in (b) of this section, information in the possession of a law enforcement
12 agency that personally identifies a police officer who is employed by the agency,
13 including the police officer's photographic image or home address, is confidential and
14 is not subject to inspection under AS 40.25.110 or 40.25.120 unless the police officer
15 voluntarily authorizes its release in writing.

16 (b) Notwithstanding (a) of this section, information that personally identifies a
17 police officer may be released for inspection under AS 40.25.110 or 40.25.120 if

18 (1) the police officer is under investigation and the information is a
19 photograph of the police officer; or

20 (2) the police officer is under investigation and the information is
21 included in one or more of the following:

22 (A) a report or recording that documents a 911 telephone call;

23 (B) a police or investigative report;

24 (C) a complaint made to a law enforcement agency;

25 (D) the statement of a witness in either a criminal matter or a
26 proceeding related to the adjudication of a minor under AS 47.12.110.

27 * **Sec. 6.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).