

**SENATE BILL NO. 218**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

Introduced: 2/22/12

Referred: Judiciary, Finance

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 "An Act relating to conspiracy to commit human trafficking in the first degree or sex  
2 trafficking in the first degree; relating to the crime of furnishing indecent material to  
3 minors, the crime of online enticement of a minor, the crime of prostitution, and the  
4 crime of sex trafficking; relating to forfeiture of property used in prostitution offenses;  
5 relating to sex offender registration; relating to testimony by video conference; adding  
6 Rule 38.3, Alaska Rules of Criminal Procedure; and providing for an effective date."

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

8 \* **Section 1.** AS 04.06.110 is amended to read:

9 **Sec. 04.06.110. Peace officer powers.** The director and the persons employed  
10 for the administration and enforcement of this title may, with the concurrence of the  
11 commissioner of public safety, exercise the powers of peace officers when those  
12 powers are specifically granted by the board. Powers granted by the board under this  
13 section may be exercised only when necessary for the enforcement of the criminally

1 punishable provisions of this title, regulations of the board, and other criminally  
 2 punishable laws and regulations, including investigation of violations of laws against  
 3 prostitution and **sex trafficking** [PROMOTING PROSTITUTION] described in  
 4 **AS 11.66.100 - 11.66.135** [AS 11.66.100 - 11.66.130] and laws against gambling,  
 5 promoting gambling, and related offenses described in AS 11.66.200 - 11.66.280.

6 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 04.11.370(a) is amended to read:

7 (a) A license or permit shall be suspended or revoked if the board finds

8 (1) misrepresentation of a material fact on an application made under  
 9 this title or a regulation adopted under this title;

10 (2) continuation of the manufacture, sale, or service of alcoholic  
 11 beverages by the licensee or permittee would be contrary to the best interests of the  
 12 public;

13 (3) failure on the part of the licensee to correct a defect that constitutes  
 14 a violation of this title, a condition or restriction imposed by the board, a regulation  
 15 adopted under this title, or other laws after receipt of notice issued by the board or its  
 16 agent;

17 (4) conviction of a licensee of a violation of this title, a regulation  
 18 adopted under this title, or an ordinance adopted under AS 04.21.010;

19 (5) conviction of an agent or employee of a licensee of a violation of  
 20 this title, a regulation adopted under this title, or an ordinance adopted under  
 21 AS 04.21.010, if the licensee is found by the board to have either knowingly allowed  
 22 the violation or to have recklessly or with criminal negligence failed to act in  
 23 accordance with the duty prescribed under AS 04.21.030 with the result that the agent  
 24 or employee violates a law, regulation, or ordinance;

25 (6) failure of the licensee to comply with the public health, fire, or  
 26 safety laws and regulations in the state;

27 (7) use of the licensed premises as a resort for illegal possessors or  
 28 users of narcotics, prostitutes, or **sex traffickers** [PROMOTERS OF  
 29 PROSTITUTION]; in addition to any other legally competent evidence, the character  
 30 of the premises may be proved by the general reputation of the premises in the  
 31 community as a resort for illegal possessors or users of narcotics, prostitutes, or **sex**

1        **traffickers** [PROMOTERS OF PROSTITUTION];

2                    (8) occurrence of illegal gambling within the limits of the licensed  
3 premises;

4                    (9) the licensee permitted a public offense involving moral turpitude to  
5 occur on the licensed premises;

6                    (10) violation by a licensee of this title, a condition or restriction  
7 imposed by the board, a regulation adopted under this title, or an ordinance adopted  
8 under AS 04.21.010; or

9                    (11) violation by an agent or employee of a licensee of a provision of  
10 this title, a condition or restriction imposed by the board, a regulation adopted under  
11 this title, or an ordinance adopted under AS 04.21.010, if the licensee is found by the  
12 board to have either knowingly allowed the violation or to have recklessly or with  
13 criminal negligence failed to act in accordance with the duty prescribed under  
14 AS 04.21.030 with the result that the agent or employee violates the law, condition or  
15 restriction, regulation, or ordinance.

16 \* **Sec. 3.** AS 11.31.120(h)(2) is amended to read:

17                    (2) "serious felony offense" means an offense

18                            (A) against the person under AS 11.41, punishable as an  
19 unclassified or class A felony;

20                            (B) involving controlled substances under AS 11.71,  
21 punishable as an unclassified, class A, or class B felony;

22                            (C) that is criminal mischief in the first degree under  
23 AS 11.46.475; [OR]

24                            (D) that is terroristic threatening in the first degree under  
25 AS 11.56.807;

26                            **(E) that is human trafficking in the first degree under**  
27 **AS 11.41.360; or**

28                            **(F) that is sex trafficking in the first degree under**  
29 **AS 11.66.110.**

30 \* **Sec. 4.** AS 11.61.128(a) is amended to read:

31                    (a) A person commits the crime of distribution of indecent material to minors

1 if

2 (1) the person, being 18 years of age or older, **intentionally**  
 3 [KNOWINGLY] distributes **or possesses with intent to distribute any material**  
 4 **described in (2) and (3) of this subsection** to **either**

5 **(A) a child that the person knows is under 16 years of age;**

6 **or**

7 **(B) another person that the person believes is a child under**  
 8 **16 years of age;**

9 **(2) the material is** [ANOTHER PERSON ANY] material that **the**  
 10 **person knows** depicts the following actual or simulated conduct:

11 (A) sexual penetration;

12 (B) the lewd touching of a person's genitals, anus, or female  
 13 breast;

14 (C) masturbation;

15 (D) bestiality;

16 (E) the lewd exhibition of a person's genitals, anus, or female  
 17 breast; or

18 (F) sexual masochism or sadism; **and**

19 **(3) [(2)] the material is harmful to minors [; AND**

20 **(3) EITHER**

21 (A) THE OTHER PERSON IS A CHILD UNDER 16 YEARS  
 22 OF AGE; OR

23 (B) THE PERSON BELIEVES THAT THE OTHER PERSON  
 24 IS A CHILD UNDER 16 YEARS OF AGE].

25 \* **Sec. 5.** AS 11.66.100(b) is amended to read:

26 (b) **Except as provided in (c) of this section, prostitution**  
 27 [PROSTITUTION] is a class B misdemeanor.

28 \* **Sec. 6.** AS 11.66.100 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

29 (c) Prostitution is a class C felony if

30 (1) the person described in (a)(1) of this section is under 18 years of  
 31 age; the age of the person is a circumstance that does not require proof of a culpable

1 mental state; and

2 (2) the person described in (a)(2) of this section is 18 years of age or  
3 older and at least three years older than the person described in (a)(1) of this section.

4 \* **Sec. 7.** AS 11.66.110(a) is amended to read:

5 (a) A person commits the crime of **sex trafficking** [PROMOTING  
6 PROSTITUTION] in the first degree if the person

7 (1) induces or causes a person to engage in prostitution through the use  
8 of force;

9 (2) as other than a patron of a prostitute, induces or causes a person  
10 under 18 years of age to engage in prostitution; or

11 (3) induces or causes a person in that person's legal custody to engage  
12 in prostitution.

13 \* **Sec. 8.** AS 11.66.110(c) is amended to read:

14 (c) Except as provided in (d) of this section, **sex trafficking** [PROMOTING  
15 PROSTITUTION] in the first degree is a class A felony.

16 \* **Sec. 9.** AS 11.66.120 is amended to read:

17 **Sec. 11.66.120. Sex trafficking [PROMOTING PROSTITUTION] in the**  
18 **second degree.** (a) A person commits the crime of **sex trafficking** [PROMOTING  
19 PROSTITUTION] in the second degree if the person

20 (1) manages, supervises, controls, or owns, either alone or in  
21 association with others, a prostitution enterprise other than a place of prostitution;

22 (2) procures or solicits a patron for a prostitute; or

23 (3) offers, sells, advertises, promotes or facilitates travel that includes  
24 commercial sexual conduct as enticement for the travel; in this paragraph,  
25 "commercial sexual conduct" means sexual conduct for which anything of value is  
26 given or received by any person.

27 (b) **Sex trafficking** [PROMOTING PROSTITUTION] in the second degree is  
28 a class B felony.

29 \* **Sec. 10.** AS 11.66.130 is amended to read:

30 **Sec. 11.66.130. Sex trafficking [PROMOTING PROSTITUTION] in the**  
31 **third degree.** (a) A person commits the crime of **sex trafficking** [PROMOTING

1 PROSTITUTION] in the third degree if, with intent to promote prostitution, the  
2 person

3 (1) manages, supervises, controls, or owns, either alone or in  
4 association with others, a place of prostitution;

5 (2) as other than a patron of a prostitute, induces or causes a person 18  
6 years of age or older to engage in prostitution;

7 (3) as other than a prostitute receiving compensation for personally  
8 rendered prostitution services, receives or agrees to receive money or other property  
9 pursuant to an agreement or understanding that the money or other property is derived  
10 from prostitution; or

11 (4) engages in conduct that institutes, aids, or facilitates a prostitution  
12 enterprise.

13 (b) **Sex trafficking** [PROMOTING PROSTITUTION] in the third degree is a  
14 class C felony.

15 \* **Sec. 11.** AS 11.66.135 is amended to read:

16 **Sec. 11.66.135. Sex trafficking [PROMOTING PROSTITUTION] in the**  
17 **fourth degree.** (a) A person commits the crime of **sex trafficking** [PROMOTING  
18 PROSTITUTION] in the fourth degree if the person engages in conduct that institutes,  
19 aids, or facilitates prostitution under circumstances not proscribed under  
20 AS 11.66.130(a)(4).

21 (b) **Sex trafficking** [PROMOTING PROSTITUTION] in the fourth degree is  
22 a class A misdemeanor.

23 \* **Sec. 12.** AS 11.66.140 is amended to read:

24 **Sec. 11.66.140. Corroboration of certain testimony not required.** In a  
25 prosecution under **AS 11.66.110 - 11.66.135** [AS 11.66.110 - 11.66.130], it is not  
26 necessary that the testimony of the person whose prostitution is alleged to have been  
27 compelled or promoted be corroborated by the testimony of any other witness or by  
28 documentary or other types of evidence.

29 \* **Sec. 13.** AS 11.66.145 is amended to read:

30 **Sec. 11.66.145. Forfeiture.** Property used to institute, aid, or facilitate, or  
31 received or derived from, a violation of **AS 11.66.100 - 11.66.135** [AS 11.66.110 -

1 11.66.135] shall be forfeited.

2 \* **Sec. 14.** AS 11.81.250(a) is amended to read:

3 (a) For purposes of sentencing under AS 12.55, all offenses defined in this  
4 title, except murder in the first and second degree, attempted murder in the first  
5 degree, solicitation to commit murder in the first degree, conspiracy to commit murder  
6 in the first degree, murder of an unborn child, sexual assault in the first degree, sexual  
7 abuse of a minor in the first degree, misconduct involving a controlled substance in the  
8 first degree, **sex trafficking** [PROMOTING PROSTITUTION] in the first degree  
9 under AS 11.66.110(a)(2), and kidnapping, are classified on the basis of their  
10 seriousness, according to the type of injury characteristically caused or risked by  
11 commission of the offense and the culpability of the offender. Except for murder in the  
12 first and second degree, attempted murder in the first degree, solicitation to commit  
13 murder in the first degree, conspiracy to commit murder in the first degree, murder of  
14 an unborn child, sexual assault in the first degree, sexual abuse of a minor in the first  
15 degree, misconduct involving a controlled substance in the first degree, **sex**  
16 **trafficking** [PROMOTING PROSTITUTION] in the first degree under  
17 AS 11.66.110(a)(2), and kidnapping, the offenses in this title are classified into the  
18 following categories:

19 (1) class A felonies, which characteristically involve conduct resulting  
20 in serious physical injury or a substantial risk of serious physical injury to a person;

21 (2) class B felonies, which characteristically involve conduct resulting  
22 in less severe violence against a person than class A felonies, aggravated offenses  
23 against property interests, or aggravated offenses against public administration or  
24 order;

25 (3) class C felonies, which characteristically involve conduct serious  
26 enough to deserve felony classification but not serious enough to be classified as A or  
27 B felonies;

28 (4) class A misdemeanors, which characteristically involve less severe  
29 violence against a person, less serious offenses against property interests, less serious  
30 offenses against public administration or order, or less serious offenses against public  
31 health and decency than felonies;

1 (5) class B misdemeanors, which characteristically involve a minor  
 2 risk of physical injury to a person, minor offenses against property interests, minor  
 3 offenses against public administration or order, or minor offenses against public health  
 4 and decency;

5 (6) violations, which characteristically involve conduct inappropriate  
 6 to an orderly society but which do not denote criminality in their commission.

7 \* **Sec. 15.** AS 11.81.250(b) is amended to read:

8 (b) The classification of each felony defined in this title, except murder in the  
 9 first and second degree, attempted murder in the first degree, solicitation to commit  
 10 murder in the first degree, conspiracy to commit murder in the first degree, murder of  
 11 an unborn child, sexual assault in the first degree, sexual abuse of a minor in the first  
 12 degree, misconduct involving a controlled substance in the first degree, **sex**  
 13 **trafficking in the first degree under AS 11.66.110(a)(2)**, and kidnapping, is  
 14 designated in the section defining it. A felony under **the** [ALASKA] law **of this state**  
 15 defined outside this title for which no penalty is specifically provided is a class C  
 16 felony.

17 \* **Sec. 16.** AS 12.47.100 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

18 (h) In a hearing to determine competency under this section, the court may  
 19 allow the testimony of a witness, including the psychiatrist or psychologist who  
 20 examined the defendant, to testify concerning the competency of the defendant by  
 21 contemporaneous two-way video conference if the witness would be required to travel  
 22 more than 50 miles to the court or lives in a place from which people customarily  
 23 travel by air to the court. In this subsection, "contemporaneous two-way video  
 24 conference"

25 (1) means a conference among people at different places by means of  
 26 transmitted audio and video signals;

27 (2) includes all communication technologies that allow two or more  
 28 places to interact by two-way video and audio transmissions simultaneously.

29 \* **Sec. 17.** AS 12.55.035(b) is amended to read:

30 (b) Upon conviction of an offense, a defendant who is not an organization may  
 31 be sentenced to pay, unless otherwise specified in the provision of law defining the

1 offense, a fine of no more than

2 (1) \$500,000 for murder in the first or second degree, attempted  
3 murder in the first degree, murder of an unborn child, sexual assault in the first degree,  
4 sexual abuse of a minor in the first degree, kidnapping, **sex trafficking**  
5 [PROMOTING PROSTITUTION] in the first degree under AS 11.66.110(a)(2), or  
6 misconduct involving a controlled substance in the first degree;

7 (2) \$250,000 for a class A felony;

8 (3) \$100,000 for a class B felony;

9 (4) \$50,000 for a class C felony;

10 (5) \$10,000 for a class A misdemeanor;

11 (6) \$2,000 for a class B misdemeanor;

12 (7) \$500 for a violation.

13 \* **Sec. 18.** AS 12.55.125(i) is amended to read:

14 (i) A defendant convicted of

15 (1) sexual assault in the first degree, sexual abuse of a minor in the  
16 first degree, or **sex trafficking** [PROMOTING PROSTITUTION] in the first degree  
17 under AS 11.66.110(a)(2) may be sentenced to a definite term of imprisonment of not  
18 more than 99 years and shall be sentenced to a definite term within the following  
19 presumptive ranges, subject to adjustment as provided in AS 12.55.155 - 12.55.175:

20 (A) if the offense is a first felony conviction, the offense does  
21 not involve circumstances described in (B) of this paragraph, and the victim  
22 was

23 (i) less than 13 years of age, 25 to 35 years;

24 (ii) 13 years of age or older, 20 to 30 years;

25 (B) if the offense is a first felony conviction and the defendant  
26 possessed a firearm, used a dangerous instrument, or caused serious physical  
27 injury during the commission of the offense, 25 to 35 years;

28 (C) if the offense is a second felony conviction and does not  
29 involve circumstances described in (D) of this paragraph, 30 to 40 years;

30 (D) if the offense is a second felony conviction and the  
31 defendant has a prior conviction for a sexual felony, 35 to 45 years;

1 (E) if the offense is a third felony conviction and the defendant  
2 is not subject to sentencing under (F) of this paragraph or (I) of this section, 40  
3 to 60 years;

4 (F) if the offense is a third felony conviction, the defendant is  
5 not subject to sentencing under (I) of this section, and the defendant has two  
6 prior convictions for sexual felonies, 99 years;

7 (2) unlawful exploitation of a minor under AS 11.41.455(c)(2), online  
8 enticement of a minor under AS 11.41.452(e), or attempt, conspiracy, or solicitation to  
9 commit sexual assault in the first degree, sexual abuse of a minor in the first degree, or  
10 **sex trafficking** [PROMOTING PROSTITUTION] in the first degree under  
11 AS 11.66.110(a)(2) may be sentenced to a definite term of imprisonment of not more  
12 than 99 years and shall be sentenced to a definite term within the following  
13 presumptive ranges, subject to adjustment as provided in AS 12.55.155 - 12.55.175:

14 (A) if the offense is a first felony conviction, the offense does  
15 not involve circumstances described in (B) of this paragraph, and the victim  
16 was

17 (i) under 13 years of age, 20 to 30 years;

18 (ii) 13 years of age or older, 15 to 30 years;

19 (B) if the offense is a first felony conviction and the defendant  
20 possessed a firearm, used a dangerous instrument, or caused serious physical  
21 injury during the commission of the offense, 25 to 35 years;

22 (C) if the offense is a second felony conviction and does not  
23 involve circumstances described in (D) of this paragraph, 25 to 35 years;

24 (D) if the offense is a second felony conviction and the  
25 defendant has a prior conviction for a sexual felony, 30 to 40 years;

26 (E) if the offense is a third felony conviction, the offense does  
27 not involve circumstances described in (F) of this paragraph, and the defendant  
28 is not subject to sentencing under (I) of this section, 35 to 50 years;

29 (F) if the offense is a third felony conviction, the defendant is  
30 not subject to sentencing under (I) of this section, and the defendant has two  
31 prior convictions for sexual felonies, 99 years;

1                   (3) sexual assault in the second degree, sexual abuse of a minor in the  
2 second degree, online enticement of a minor under AS 11.41.452(d), unlawful  
3 exploitation of a minor under AS 11.41.455(c)(1), or distribution of child pornography  
4 under AS 11.61.125(e)(2) may be sentenced to a definite term of imprisonment of not  
5 more than 99 years and shall be sentenced to a definite term within the following  
6 presumptive ranges, subject to adjustment as provided in AS 12.55.155 - 12.55.175:

7                   (A) if the offense is a first felony conviction, five to 15 years;

8                   (B) if the offense is a second felony conviction and does not  
9 involve circumstances described in (C) of this paragraph, 10 to 25 years;

10                  (C) if the offense is a second felony conviction and the  
11 defendant has a prior conviction for a sexual felony, 15 to 30 years;

12                  (D) if the offense is a third felony conviction and does not  
13 involve circumstances described in (E) of this paragraph, 20 to 35 years;

14                  (E) if the offense is a third felony conviction and the defendant  
15 has two prior convictions for sexual felonies, 99 years;

16                   (4) sexual assault in the third degree, incest, indecent exposure in the  
17 first degree, possession of child pornography, distribution of child pornography under  
18 AS 11.61.125(e)(1), or attempt, conspiracy, or solicitation to commit sexual assault in  
19 the second degree, sexual abuse of a minor in the second degree, unlawful exploitation  
20 of a minor, or distribution of child pornography, may be sentenced to a definite term  
21 of imprisonment of not more than 99 years and shall be sentenced to a definite term  
22 within the following presumptive ranges, subject to adjustment as provided in  
23 AS 12.55.155 - 12.55.175:

24                  (A) if the offense is a first felony conviction, two to 12 years;

25                  (B) if the offense is a second felony conviction and does not  
26 involve circumstances described in (C) of this paragraph, eight to 15 years;

27                  (C) if the offense is a second felony conviction and the  
28 defendant has a prior conviction for a sexual felony, 12 to 20 years;

29                  (D) if the offense is a third felony conviction and does not  
30 involve circumstances described in (E) of this paragraph, 15 to 25 years;

31                  (E) if the offense is a third felony conviction and the defendant

1 has two prior convictions for sexual felonies, 99 years.

2 \* **Sec. 19.** AS 12.55.185(10) is amended to read:

3 (10) "most serious felony" means

4 (A) arson in the first degree, sex trafficking [PROMOTING  
5 PROSTITUTION] in the first degree under AS 11.66.110(a)(2), online  
6 enticement of a minor, or any unclassified or class A felony prescribed under  
7 AS 11.41; or

8 (B) an attempt, or conspiracy to commit, or criminal  
9 solicitation under AS 11.31.110 of, an unclassified felony prescribed under  
10 AS 11.41;

11 \* **Sec. 20.** AS 12.63.100(6) is amended to read:

12 (6) "sex offense" means

13 (A) a crime under AS 11.41.100(a)(3), or a similar law of  
14 another jurisdiction, in which the person committed or attempted to commit a  
15 sexual offense, or a similar offense under the laws of the other jurisdiction; in  
16 this subparagraph, "sexual offense" has the meaning given in  
17 AS 11.41.100(a)(3);

18 (B) a crime under AS 11.41.110(a)(3), or a similar law of  
19 another jurisdiction, in which the person committed or attempted to commit  
20 one of the following crimes, or a similar law of another jurisdiction:

21 (i) sexual assault in the first degree;

22 (ii) sexual assault in the second degree;

23 (iii) sexual abuse of a minor in the first degree; or

24 (iv) sexual abuse of a minor in the second degree; [OR]

25 (C) a crime, or an attempt, solicitation, or conspiracy to commit  
26 a crime, under the following statutes or a similar law of another jurisdiction:

27 (i) AS 11.41.410 - 11.41.438;

28 (ii) AS 11.41.440(a)(2);

29 (iii) AS 11.41.450 - 11.41.458;

30 (iv) AS 11.41.460 if the indecent exposure is before a  
31 person under 16 years of age and the offender has a previous conviction

1 for that offense;

2 (v) AS 11.61.125 - 11.61.128;

3 (vi) AS 11.66.110 or 11.66.130(a)(2) if the person who  
4 was induced or caused to engage in prostitution was 16 or 17 years of  
5 age at the time of the offense;

6 (vii) former AS 11.15.120, former 11.15.134, or assault  
7 with the intent to commit rape under former AS 11.15.160, former  
8 AS 11.40.110, or former 11.40.200; [OR]

9 (viii) AS 11.61.118(a)(2) if the offender has a previous  
10 conviction for that offense; or

11 **(D) a crime in another jurisdiction that requires the person**  
12 **to register as a sex offender or child kidnapper in that jurisdiction;**

13 \* **Sec. 21.** AS 15.80.010(9) is amended to read:

14 (9) "felony involving moral turpitude" includes those crimes that are  
15 immoral or wrong in themselves such as murder, manslaughter, assault, sexual assault,  
16 sexual abuse of a minor, unlawful exploitation of a minor, robbery, extortion,  
17 coercion, kidnapping, incest, arson, burglary, theft, forgery, criminal possession of a  
18 forgery device, offering a false instrument for recording, scheme to defraud, falsifying  
19 business records, commercial bribe receiving, commercial bribery, bribery, receiving a  
20 bribe, perjury, perjury by inconsistent statements, endangering the welfare of a minor,  
21 escape, promoting contraband, interference with official proceedings, receiving a bribe  
22 by a witness or a juror, jury tampering, misconduct by a juror, tampering with physical  
23 evidence, hindering prosecution, terroristic threatening, riot, criminal possession of  
24 explosives, unlawful furnishing of explosives, **sex trafficking** [PROMOTING  
25 PROSTITUTION], criminal mischief, misconduct involving a controlled substance or  
26 an imitation controlled substance, permitting an escape, promoting gambling,  
27 possession of gambling records, distribution of child pornography, and possession of  
28 child pornography;

29 \* **Sec. 22.** AS 28.15.046(c) is amended to read:

30 (c) The department may not issue a license under this section to an applicant  
31 who has been convicted of any of the following offenses within 20 years of the time of

1 application:

- 2 (1) sexual abuse of a minor in any degree under AS 11.41.434 -  
 3 11.41.440;
- 4 (2) sexual assault in any degree under AS 11.41.410 - 11.41.425;
- 5 (3) incest under AS 11.41.450;
- 6 (4) unlawful exploitation of a minor under AS 11.41.455;
- 7 (5) contributing to the delinquency of a minor under AS 11.51.130;
- 8 (6) a felony involving possession of a controlled or imitation  
 9 controlled substance under AS 11.71 or AS 11.73;
- 10 (7) a felony or misdemeanor involving distribution of a controlled or  
 11 imitation controlled substance under AS 11.71 or AS 11.73;
- 12 (8) **sex trafficking** [PROMOTING PROSTITUTION] in the first or  
 13 second degree under AS 11.66.110 or 11.66.120;
- 14 (9) indecent exposure in the first or second degree under AS 11.41.458  
 15 or 11.41.460.

16 \* **Sec. 23.** AS 47.12.110(d) is amended to read:

17 (d) Notwithstanding (a) of this section, a court hearing on a petition seeking  
 18 the adjudication of a minor as a delinquent shall be open to the public, except as  
 19 prohibited or limited by order of the court, if

20 (1) the department files with the court a motion asking the court to  
 21 open the hearing to the public, and the petition seeking adjudication of the minor as a  
 22 delinquent is based on

23 (A) the minor's alleged commission of an offense, and the  
 24 minor has knowingly failed to comply with all the terms and conditions  
 25 required of the minor by the department or imposed on the minor in a court  
 26 order entered under AS 47.12.040(a)(2) or 47.12.120;

27 (B) the minor's alleged commission of

28 (i) a crime against a person that is punishable as a  
 29 felony;

30 (ii) a crime in which the minor employed a deadly  
 31 weapon, as that term is defined in AS 11.81.900(b), in committing the

1 crime;

2 (iii) arson under AS 11.46.400 - 11.46.410;

3 (iv) burglary under AS 11.46.300;

4 (v) distribution of child pornography under  
5 AS 11.61.125;

6 (vi) sex trafficking [PROMOTING PROSTITUTION]  
7 in the first degree under AS 11.66.110; or

8 (vii) misconduct involving a controlled substance under  
9 AS 11.71 involving the delivery of a controlled substance or the  
10 possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver, other than  
11 an offense under AS 11.71.040 or AS 11.71.050; or

12 (C) the minor's alleged commission of a felony and the minor  
13 was 16 years of age or older at the time of commission of the offense when the  
14 minor has previously been convicted or adjudicated a delinquent minor based  
15 on the minor's commission of an offense that is a felony; or

16 (2) the minor agrees to a public hearing on the petition seeking  
17 adjudication of the minor as a delinquent.

18 \* **Sec. 24.** AS 47.12.315(a) is amended to read:

19 (a) Notwithstanding AS 47.12.310, when an agency takes action under  
20 AS 47.12.040(a)(1) to adjust a matter, or when under AS 47.12.040(a)(2) the court  
21 directs the agency to adjust the matter, the agency

22 (1) shall, for a minor who is at least 13 years of age at the time of  
23 commission of the offense, disclose to the public the name of the minor, the name or  
24 names of the parent, parents, or guardian of the minor, the action required by the  
25 agency to be taken by the minor under AS 47.12.060 to adjust the matter, and  
26 information about the offense exclusive of information that identifies the victim of the  
27 offense, if the minor was, under AS 47.12.020, previously alleged to be a delinquent  
28 minor on the basis of the minor's commission of at least one offense and, on the basis  
29 of that allegation, a state agency has, under AS 47.12.040(a), been asked to make a  
30 preliminary inquiry to determine if any action on that matter is appropriate, and, if the  
31 minor is alleged to be a delinquent minor on the basis of the minor's commission of

1 another offense, exercise of agency jurisdiction is based on the minor's alleged  
2 commission of that other offense, and that other offense is one of the following:

3 (A) a crime against a person that is punishable as a felony;

4 (B) a crime in which the minor employed a deadly weapon, as  
5 that term is defined in AS 11.81.900(b), in committing the crime;

6 (C) arson under AS 11.46.400 - 11.46.410;

7 (D) burglary under AS 11.46.300;

8 (E) distribution of child pornography under AS 11.61.125;

9 (F) **sex trafficking** [PROMOTING PROSTITUTION] in the  
10 first degree under AS 11.66.110; or

11 (G) misconduct involving a controlled substance under  
12 AS 11.71 involving the delivery of a controlled substance or the possession of  
13 a controlled substance with intent to deliver, other than an offense under  
14 AS 11.71.040 or 11.71.050; and

15 (2) may, for a minor who is at least 13 years of age at the time of  
16 commission of the offense, disclose to the public the name of the minor, the name or  
17 names of the parent, parents, or guardian of the minor, the action required by the  
18 agency to be taken by the minor under AS 47.12.060 to adjust the matter, and  
19 information about the offense exclusive of information that identifies the victim of the  
20 offense if the minor has knowingly failed to comply with all terms and conditions  
21 required of the minor by the agency to adjust the matter under AS 47.12.060(b).

22 \* **Sec. 25.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
23 read:

24 DIRECT COURT RULE AMENDMENT. The Alaska Rules of Criminal  
25 Procedure are amended by adding a new section to read:

26 **Rule 38.3. Video Conference Testimony.**

27 (a) **In General.** In every trial the testimony of witnesses shall be taken in open  
28 court, unless otherwise provided by statute or rule.

29 (b) **Testimony by Video Conference.** The parties may agree to take  
30 testimony from a witness by contemporaneous two-way video conference presented in  
31 open court. Absent the parties' agreement, the court may authorize the

1 contemporaneous two-way video conference testimony of a witness if

2 (1) the requesting party establishes that testimony by two-way video  
3 conference is necessary to further an important public policy;

4 (2) the requesting party establishes that the witness is unavailable; and

5 (3) the testimony is given under oath and subject to cross-examination.

6 (c) **Procedures for Taking Video Conference Testimony.** If the trial court  
7 authorizes video conference testimony under (b) of this rule, it shall determine the  
8 procedures for taking the contemporaneous two-way video conference testimony. The  
9 parties, the court, the trier of fact, and the public must be able to see and hear the  
10 witness; and the witness must see and hear the courtroom proceedings, including the  
11 defendant, as if the witness were sitting in the courtroom's witness stand. The persons  
12 who are present with the witness must be identified. The parties may move to exclude  
13 any person other than the video conference technician from the witness's presence; the  
14 court, in its discretion, may exclude a person other than the video conference  
15 technician from the presence of the witness.

16 (d) **Definitions.**

17 (1) **Contemporaneous Two-Way Video Conference.** Contemporaneous  
18 two-way video conference means a conference among people at different places by  
19 means of transmitted audio and video signals. It includes all communication  
20 technologies that allow two or more places to interact by two-way video and audio  
21 transmissions simultaneously.

22 (2) **Unavailable.** In this rule, a witness is unavailable if

23 (A) by clear and convincing evidence the court finds under  
24 Rule 804(a)(4) or (5), Alaska Rules of Evidence, or Rule 15(e)(4), Alaska  
25 Rules of Criminal Procedure, that the witness is unavailable;

26 (B) by clear and convincing evidence the court finds that under  
27 the circumstances the witness is unavailable; or

28 (C) the parties agree that the witness is unavailable.

29 \* **Sec 26.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
30 read:

31 **APPLICABILITY.** (a) Sections 1, 2, 7 - 11, 14, 17 - 19, 21 - 24, and 27 of this Act

1 apply to offenses committed before, on, or after the effective date of the Act.

2 (b) Sections 3 - 6, 12, 13, 16, 20, and 25 of this Act apply to offenses committed on or  
3 after the effective date of this Act.

4 \* **Sec. 27.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
5 read:

6 REVISOR'S INSTRUCTION. The revisor of statutes is instructed to change the  
7 heading of AS 11.66.110 from "Promoting prostitution in the first degree" to "Sex trafficking  
8 in the first degree".

9 \* **Sec. 28.** This Act takes effect July 1, 2012.