

HOUSE BILL NO. 335

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Introduced: 2/24/14

Referred: Judiciary

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to the regulation of firearms and knives by the University of Alaska."**

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

3 * **Section 1.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section
4 to read:

5 FINDINGS AND INTENT. The legislature finds that the individual right to keep and
6 bear arms is a constitutionally protected right under art. I, sec. 19, Constitution of the State of
7 Alaska, and may not be abridged by the Board of Regents of the University of Alaska. The
8 legislature reserves to the state the authority to regulate firearms, except as specifically
9 provided in AS 14.40.173.

10 * **Sec. 2.** AS 14.40 is amended by adding a new section to read:

11 **Sec. 14.40.173. Regulation of firearms and knives.** (a) The authority to
12 regulate firearms and knives is reserved to the state, and, except as specifically
13 provided by statute, the board of regents may not enact or enforce a policy regulating
14 the possession, ownership, use, carrying, registration, storage, or transportation of
15 firearms or knives.

1 (b) The board of regents may adopt and enforce policies

2 (1) that are identical to state law and that have the same penalty as
3 provided for by state law;

4 (2) restricting the discharge of firearms on any portion of university
5 land where there is a reasonable likelihood that people, domestic animals, or property
6 will be jeopardized; policies adopted or enforced under this paragraph may not abridge
7 the right of the individual guaranteed by art. I, sec. 19, Constitution of the State of
8 Alaska, to bear arms in defense of self or others; and

9 (3) prohibiting the possession of firearms or knives in the restricted
10 access area of university buildings; the university shall post notice of the prohibition
11 against possession of firearms or knives at each entrance to the restricted access area.

12 (c) In this section,

13 (1) "firearms" includes firearms, or any other element relating to
14 firearms or parts of the firearm including ammunition and reloading components;

15 (2) "restricted access area" means the area beyond a secure point
16 where visitors are screened and does not include common areas of ingress and egress
17 open to the public.