

**CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 43(JUD)**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

**BY THE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

**Offered: 3/23/15**

**Referred: Rules**

**Sponsor(s): SENATORS COGHILL, Stoltze, Egan, Micciche, Stevens, Bishop, MacKinnon, Giessel, McGuire, Dunleavy, Ellis**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to immunity for a fire department and employees or members of a fire**  
2 **department."**

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

4 **\* Section 1.** AS 09.65.070(c) is repealed and reenacted to read:

5 (c) An action for tort or breach of a contractual duty based on the act or  
6 omission of an employee or member of a fire department in the execution of a function  
7 for which the department is established may not be maintained against an employee or  
8 member of a fire department. An action for tort or breach of a contractual duty based  
9 on the act or omission of an employee or member of a fire department in the execution  
10 of a function for which the department is established may not be maintained against a  
11 fire department unless the action alleges intentional misconduct or gross negligence or  
12 is based on the act or omission of an employee or member of a fire department in the  
13 execution of a duty under contract with a private entity. In this subsection, "fire  
14 department" means a fire department that is

1 (1) operated and maintained by a municipality or village; or

2 (2) registered with the state fire marshal and provides services under  
3 contract or agreement with a municipality or village.

4 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 09.65.070(d) is amended to read:

5 (d) **Notwithstanding (c) of this section, an** [AN] action for damages may not  
6 be brought against a municipality or any of its agents, officers, or employees if the  
7 claim

8 (1) is based on a failure of the municipality, or its agents, officers, or  
9 employees, when the municipality is neither owner nor lessee of the property  
10 involved,

11 (A) to inspect property for a violation of any statute, regulation,  
12 or ordinance, or a hazard to health or safety;

13 (B) to discover a violation of any statute, regulation, or  
14 ordinance, or a hazard to health or safety if an inspection of property is made;  
15 or

16 (C) to abate a violation of any statute, regulation, or ordinance,  
17 or a hazard to health or safety discovered on property inspected;

18 (2) is based **on** [UPON] the exercise or performance or the failure to  
19 exercise or perform a discretionary function or duty by a municipality or its agents,  
20 officers, or employees, whether or not the discretion involved is abused;

21 (3) is based **on** [UPON] the grant, issuance, refusal, suspension, delay,  
22 or denial of a license, permit, appeal, approval, exception, variance, or other  
23 entitlement, or a rezoning;

24 (4) is based on the exercise or performance during the course of  
25 gratuitous extension of municipal services on an extraterritorial basis;

26 (5) is based **on** [UPON] the exercise or performance of a duty or  
27 function upon the request of, or by the terms of an agreement or contract with, the  
28 state to meet emergency public safety requirements; or

29 (6) is based on the exercise or performance of a duty in connection  
30 with an enhanced 911 emergency system and is not based on an intentional act of  
31 misconduct or on an act of gross negligence.