

HOUSE BILL NO. 209

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Referred: Resources, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to emergency firefighters."**

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

3 * **Section 1.** AS 41.15.030(b) is amended to read:

4 (b) The commissioner may hire emergency firefighting personnel, and shall
5 establish classifications and rates of pay for the emergency firefighting personnel
6 consistent with the compensation paid by other firefighting agencies. The
7 commissioner may adjust the classifications and rates based on findings of the federal
8 Bureau of Land Management for Alaska. The commissioner may assign emergency
9 firefighting personnel to conduct fire suppression, hazard reduction, fire prevention,
10 habitat restoration or improvement, and other related activities in emergency and
11 nonemergency circumstances. The assignment of emergency firefighting personnel to
12 nonemergency activities may not be used to replace permanent or seasonal state
13 employees. [THE COMMISSIONER MAY NOT USE APPROPRIATIONS TO THE
14 DEPARTMENT FROM STATE GENERAL FUNDS FOR EMERGENCY
15 FIREFIGHTING PERSONNEL ENGAGED IN NONEMERGENCY ACTIVITIES

1 UNDER THIS SECTION.]