

HOUSE BILL NO. 350

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE EASTMAN

Introduced: 2/20/24

Referred: Judiciary

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to the crimes of coercion and bribery involving legislators; and**
2 **providing for an effective date."**

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

4 * **Section 1.** AS 11.41.530(a) is amended to read:

5 (a) A person commits the crime of coercion if, under circumstances not
6 proscribed under AS 11.41.410 - 11.41.427, the person compels another to engage in
7 conduct from which there is a legal right to abstain or abstain from conduct in which
8 there is a legal right to engage, by means of instilling in the person who is compelled a
9 fear that, if the demand is not complied with, the person who makes the demand or
10 another may

11 (1) inflict physical injury on anyone, except under circumstances
12 constituting robbery in any degree, or commit any other crime;

13 (2) accuse anyone of a crime;

14 (3) expose confidential information or a secret, whether true or false,

tending to subject a person to hatred, contempt, or ridicule or to impair the person's credit or business repute;

(4) take or withhold action as a public servant or cause a public servant to take or withhold action;

(5) bring about or continue a strike, boycott, or other collective unofficial action, if the property is not demanded or received for the benefit of the group in whose interest the person making the threat or suggestion purports to act;

(6) testify or provide information or withhold testimony or information with respect to a person's legal claim or defense;

(7) take or withhold action against a legislator or cause a person to take or withhold action against a legislator, including a reduction in staff, travel authorization, committee assignment, and a favorable position in a legislative caucus.

* **Sec. 2.** AS 11.56.100(a) is amended to read:

(a) A person commits the crime of bribery if the person confers, offers to confer, or agrees to confer a benefit on [UPON] a public servant with the intent to

(1) influence the public servant's vote, opinion, judgment, action, decision, or exercise of official discretion; or

(2) bind a legislator's vote on a measure.

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

APPLICABILITY. This Act applies to offenses committed on or after the effective date of this Act.

* **Sec. 4.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).