

HOUSE BILL NO. 251

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCCABE

Introduced: 1/20/26

Referred: Health and Social Services, Judiciary

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to the definition of 'person' in Alaska Statutes; relating to criminal law
2 definitions; and providing for an effective date."

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

4 * **Section 1.** AS 01.10.060(a)(8) is amended to read:

5 (8) "person" includes a corporation, company, partnership, firm,
6 association, organization, business trust, or society, as well as a natural person; **or a**
7 **human entity that has the moral right of self-determination; "person" does not**
8 **include an environmental element, artificial intelligence, animal, or inanimate**
9 **object;**

10 * **Sec. 2.** AS 11.81.900(b)(48) is amended to read:

11 (48) "person" means a natural person **or a human entity that has the**
12 **moral right of self-determination** and, when appropriate, an organization,
13 government, or governmental instrumentality; **"person" does not include an**
14 **environmental element, artificial intelligence, animal, or inanimate object;**

1 * **Sec. 3.** AS 11.81.900(b) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

2 (71) "life" means the property or quality that distinguishes a living
3 human organism from a dead organism or inanimate matter and that is manifested in
4 the function of metabolism, growth, or reproduction, a response to stimuli, or
5 adaptation to the environment, each of which originates within the organism.

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

8 APPLICABILITY. AS 11.81.900(b)(48), as amended by sec. 2 of this Act, and AS
9 11.81.900(b)(71), enacted by sec. 3 of this Act, apply to offenses committed on or after the
10 effective date of this Act.

11 * **Sec. 5.** This Act takes effect July 1, 2026.