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1 IN THE HOUSE

RULES COMMITTEE
BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 410

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act to provide for the regulation of
7 diplomas."

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

9 * Section 1. AS 14 is amended by adding a new chapter to
10 read:

11 CHAPTER 47. REGULATION OF EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

12 ARTICLE 1. DIPLOMAS

13 Sec. 14.47.010. REQUIREMENTS FOR CONFERRING OF
14 DIPLOMAS. No person may confer a diploma unless the person
15 meets the requirements established by the department.

16 Sec. 14.47.020. ESTABLISHMENT OF REQUIREMENTS. In
17 establishing requirements for the conferring of diplomas
18 the department shall enact regulations taking into con-
19 sideration: (1) course offerings; (2) facilities; (3)
20 financial stability; (4) personnel; (5) operating practices
21 and (6) admission practices.

22 Sec. 14.47.030. HEARING AND ORDER ON VIOLATIONS. (a)
23 On the complaint of any person or on its own motion the
24 department may conduct an investigation to determine if the
25 requirements of secs. 10 - 20 of this chapter are being
26 met. If there are grounds for believing that a person is
27 not meeting such requirements the department may institute
28 proceedings under AS 44.62.330 - 44.62.630. On a finding
29 of a violation of sec. 20 of this chapter, the department

1 shall order the respondent to cease conferring diplomas
2 until the requirements are met.

3 (b) If a respondent is the subject of an order under
4 subsection (a), the respondent may confer no diploma with-
5 out the approval of the department showing that the
6 respondent has complied with the regulations enacted under
7 sec. 20 of this chapter.

8 Sec. 14.47.040. EXEMPTIONS. The following are
9 exempt from secs. 10 - 30 of this chapter:

10 (1) schools maintained by the United States, the
11 state or its political subdivisions;

12 (2) schools chartered, licensed, regulated or
13 approved by the United States or by the state, provided that
14 tax licenses or incorporation shall not be considered to
15 be charters or licenses;

16 (3) schools approved by the Northwest Association
17 of Secondary and Higher Schools or listed in the Educational
18 Directory of the United States Office of Education.

19 (4) schools maintained or classes conducted by
20 employers for their own employees where no fees or tuition
21 is charged;

22 (5) courses of instruction on religious subjects
23 given under the auspices of a religious organization;

24 (6) courses of instruction given by a fraternal
25 society or benevolent order to its members or their imme-
26 diate relatives where such courses are not operated for
27 profit.

28 Sec. 14.47.050. PENALTY. A person who violates an
29 order of the department issued under sec. 30(b) is guilty

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of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction is punishable by imprisonment in a jail for not more than 30 days, or by a fine of not more than \$1,000, or by both. Each diploma conferred in violation of sec. 30(b) is a separate violation.

Sec. 14.47.060. DEFINITIONS. As used in secs. 10 - 50 of this chapter "diploma" means a degree, certificate, transcript, document or other writing in any language representing that a person has completed a course of study beyond high school or is honored for achievement, and includes, but is not limited to, a diploma purporting to be a degree of bachelor, master, doctor or fellow in any field of knowledge or endeavor. Graduation from high school or its equivalent need not be nor purport to be a prerequisite for undertaking or completing such course of study.