

1 IN THE HOUSE BY ORBECK AND STEVENS

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 374

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to public access to public
7 buildings."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 35 is amended by adding a new chapter to read:

10 CHAPTER 30. PUBLIC ACCESS TO PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

11 Sec. 35.30.010. INFORMATION REGARDING PUBLIC ACCESS.

12 A government agency which is responsible for the operation
13 of a public building shall post a sign at each entrance to
14 the building which relates

15 (1) the regular hours in which public business is
16 transacted;

17 (2) the days on which public business is trans-
18 acted;

19 (3) when and under what conditions a member of
20 the public will be permitted access to the building after
21 regular business hours or on days when public business is
22 not transacted;

23 (4) the name and telephone number or location of
24 the person who is authorized to admit members of public to
25 the public building under (3) of this section;

26 (5) areas in the public building to which the
27 public is not permitted access or to which public access is
28 restricted.

29 Sec. 25.30.020. PROHIBITED OR RESTRICTED AREAS. Except

1 as provided in sec. 30 of this chapter, a government agency
2 may prohibit or restrict access by the public to

3 (1) areas in a public building where the health
4 and safety of the public would be endangered;

5 (2) work areas in a public building where the
6 presence of the public would obstruct the efficient perfor-
7 mance of duties by the employees of the government agency.

8 Sec. 35.30.030. PUBLIC CORRIDORS OPEN. (a) No
9 government agency may prohibit or restrict public access to,
10 or movement in, the public corridors of a public building
11 unless the access or movement is prohibited or restricted
12 by statute or ordinance.

13 (b) No government agency may prohibit or restrict
14 public activities in the public corridors of a public build-
15 ing unless the activities are prohibited or restricted by
16 statute or ordinance.

17 Sec. 35.30.040. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter

18 (1) "government agency" means a department, agency
19 or office of the executive, judicial or legislative branches
20 of state government and a legislative or executive body,
21 agency or office of a political subdivision of this state,
22 whether home rule or otherwise;

23 (2) "public building" means a building, structure,
24 or facility, or a portion of a building, structure or
25 facility, in which governmental services are rendered and
26 which is owned by, or leased to, a government agency.