

1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 506

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 duties of magistrates and  
7 deputy magistrates when serving as coroners."

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

9 \* Section 1. AS 12.65 is amended by adding a new section to  
10 read:

11 Sec. 12.65.035. ASSIGNMENT TO MORTICIANS. Unless  
12 instructions can be obtained from the next of kin within a  
13 reasonable time, magistrates and deputy magistrates serving  
14 as coroners shall assign bodies to the custody of a mortician  
15 pending notification of next of kin or police investigation.  
16 Morticians shall be selected from an area list in rotation  
17 and a mortician owning more than one mortuary shall be listed  
18 only once on the area list. The area list shall include all  
19 morticians within a radius of 20 miles from the magistrate's  
20 court. If there are no morticians within the area, the  
21 coroner shall make other suitable arrangements.

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