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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST

2 SENATE BILL NO. 491

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act prohibiting the sale and purchase of certain
7 handguns."

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

9 * Section 1. INTENT. It is the intent of this Act to reduce the rising
10 incidence of violent crime by prohibiting the unauthorized possession of hand-
11 guns that are easily concealed and unsuited for sporting purposes.

12 * Sec. 2. AS 11.55 is amended by adding new sections to read:

13 Sec. 11.55.100. SALE AND POSSESSION OF CERTAIN HANDGUNS PROHIBITED

14 (a) Except as provided in (b) of this section, after the effective
15 date of this Act, no person may purchase, sell or offer for sale in the
16 state a handgun which has a barrel length of less than three inches. In
17 this section, "handgun" means a pistol, revolver, or other firearm
18 capable of being concealed on the person, excluding firearms manufactured
19 before 1898 which have a matchlock, flintlock, percussion cap or similar
20 type of ignition system.

21 (b) The following persons, after obtaining a special permit from
22 the commissioner of public safety under terms prescribed by him, are
23 excluded from the provisions of (a) of this section:

24 (1) authorized peace officers of the state while on duty or
25 official business;

26 (2) authorized peace officers of other states while temporarily
27 in the state on official business;

28 (3) members of the armed forces of the United States serving
29 in the state and members of the Alaska National Guard while on duty;

1 (4) authorized employees of a prison, jail, corrections
2 facility, or other penal institution in the state;

3 (5) other persons for a limited time and for a specific pur-
4 pose when authorized by permit from the commissioner of public safety.

5 Sec. 11.55.110. PENALTY FOR POSSESSION OR SALE OF CERTAIN HANDGUNS

6 A person who violates sec. 100 of this chapter, upon conviction, is
7 guilty of a misdemeanor and is punishable by a fine of not less than
8 \$1,000, or by imprisonment for up to one year, or by both; however, if
9 the person who violates sec. 100 of this chapter has previously been
10 convicted of a violation of secs. 10, 30 or 100 of this chapter, he is
11 guilty of a felony, and is punishable by a fine of not less than \$5,000,
12 or by imprisonment for not less than two years, or by both.
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