

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY BEIRNE

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 13

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the elimination of architectural
7 barriers for physically handicapped passengers aboard
8 vessels of the Alaska marine highway system; and pro-
9 viding for an effective date."

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

11 * Section 1. AS 35.10.015 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

12 (b) In (a) of this section, "public facilities" includes vessels
13 owned by the state and operated by the division of marine transportation
14 of the Department of Public Works as a part of the Alaska marine highway
15 system. All ferries owned or operated by the state shall be equipped
16 with elevators, ramps and other facilities and devices to ensure that
17 these vessels are accessible to and usable by physically handicapped
18 passengers. In this subsection, "accessible to and usable by" means
19 that a physically handicapped passenger can board, disembark and move
20 between decks and about the public areas aboard a state ferry with
21 personal comfort and with safety to himself, other passengers and
22 members of the crew.

23 * Sec. 2. After the effective date of this Act, no ferry may be con-
24 structed, lengthened or otherwise renovated, or purchased, leased or other-
25 wise acquired for use or entered into service by the division of marine
26 transportation of the Department of Public Works as a part of the Alaska
27 marine highway system that does not include elevators, ramps and other
28 facilities and devices to ensure that the vessel is accessible to and usable
29 by physically handicapped passengers. Staterooms, restrooms, indoor

1 passageways and outdoor weather decks, and other public areas aboard the
2 vessel shall be so constructed as to permit access and use by physically
3 handicapped passengers, including but not limited to those physically handi-
4 capped persons occupying a wheelchair.

5 * Sec. 3. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01-
6 .10.070(c).

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