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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY BEIRNE AND OSTROSKY

2  HOUSE BILL NO. 225

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 in public buildings and facilities for physi-  
8 cally handicapped, aged or infirm persons; and provi-  
9 ding 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 to read:

12 Sec. 35.10.015. ARCHITECTURAL BARRIER REGULATIONS; ENFORCEMENT.

13 The Department of Public Works shall prepare, promulgate and enforce  
14 [IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PREPARING AND PROMULGATING] regulations governing  
15 the construction of public buildings and facilities by or for the state,  
16 including the University of Alaska, and its political subdivisions,  
17 whether financed in whole or in part by federal funds, to insure that  
18 the public buildings and facilities are accessible to, and usable by,  
19 the physically handicapped, aged or infirm. The regulations of the  
20 department shall conform to applicable provisions of federal law or  
21 regulation and [AS FAR AS IT IS FEASIBLE] to the publication entitled  
22 "American Standard Specifications for Making Buildings and Facilities  
23 Accessible to and Usable by the Physically Handicapped" or any amend-  
24 ments to this publication as approved by the American Standards Associa-  
25 tion, Incorporated, under the sponsorship of the National Society for  
26 Crippled Children and Adults and the President's Committee on Employment  
27 of the Physically Handicapped.

28 \* Sec. 2. After the effective date of this Act, no public building or  
29 facility in the state may be planned, designed, financed, constructed, opened

1 to public use, or otherwise placed in operation unless it meets the standards  
2 established under AS 35.10.015, as amended by sec. 1 of this Act. A public  
3 building or facility in existence on the effective date of this Act that does  
4 not conform to the standards prescribed in AS 35.10.015, as amended by sec. 1  
5 of this Act, shall be brought into conformity with those standards not later  
6 than 10 years after the effective date of this Act.

7 \* Sec. 3. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.10.-  
8 070(c).

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