

1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE BILL NO. 759

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act providing for the identification of gratuitous  
7 sources of news."

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

9 \* Section 1. AS 09.25 is amended by adding a new section to read:

10 Sec. 09.25.215. ATTRIBUTION OF SOURCE. A news organization en-  
11 gaged in activities described in sec. 220(4)(A)(i) of this chapter, in-  
12 cluding the publication in Alaska of a magazine of general circulation,  
13 which publishes a story or information supplied to that news organiza-  
14 tion by a person who supplies information for no compensation, shall  
15 publish the source of that story or information, unless the news organi-  
16 zation states in the published article that the information is not  
17 verified. Persons supplying information for no compensation include,  
18 but are not limited to, public relations organizations, advertising  
19 agencies, or other persons representing commercial interests or govern-  
20 mental agencies. A news organization is not required to publish the  
21 source of information if the information is provided or verified by a  
22 person (1) in the news organization's employ, (2) in the employ of  
23 another news organization which supplies information for compensation,  
24 or (3) who supplies information to the news organization for compensa-  
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