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2 SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 201

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND 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 phys-
8 cally handicapped, aged or infirm persons; and provid-
9 ing 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. AS 35.10.015 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

29 (b) The department shall develop and maintain an inventory of all

1 public buildings and facilities with respect to their compliance with
2 the regulations adopted under (a) of this section. The department shall
3 make an annual report to the governor and the legislature describing
4 work performed in the preceding calendar year to upgrade public buildings
5 and facilities to conform with the regulations. In addition, the
6 department shall develop cost estimates and recommended priorities for
7 the upgrading of public buildings and facilities that do not conform
8 with the regulations adopted under (a) of this section and shall include
9 these estimates and the recommended priorities in the annual report to
10 the governor and the legislature.

11 * Sec. 3. After the effective date of this Act, no public building or
12 facility in the state may be planned, designed, financed, constructed, opened
13 to public use, or otherwise placed in operation unless it meets the standards
14 established under AS 35.10.015, as amended by sec. 1 of this Act.

15 * Sec. 4. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.10.-
16 070(c).