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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY BROWN, GARDINER AND
FREEMAN

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 42 *am 5*

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to defrauding of operators of taxicabs."

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

8 * Section 1. AS 11.20.480(a) and (b) are amended to read:

9 (a) A person who puts up at a hotel, inn, boardinghouse, lodging-
10 house, campground or trailer court and who procures a fare, board, lodg-
11 ing, or lodging services from the owner or operator by means of a trick,
12 deception, or false representation, or a false show of baggage or effects
13 [OR] who procures food, drink or other merchandise from any restaurant,
14 dining room, cocktail lounge, bar or other premises where food or drink
15 is offered to the public for sale, or who procures transportation in a
16 taxicab, with the intent to cheat or defraud the owner or operator out
17 of the pay for the fare, board, lodging, lodging services, or accommoda-
18 tion, or food, drink, [OR] merchandise, or transportation; or who with
19 that intent absconds from the premises or taxicab, or surreptitiously
20 removes, or causes to be removed baggage or effects from a hotel, inn,
21 boardinghouse, lodginghouse, campground or trailer court without first
22 paying the proper charges due is guilty of a misdemeanor. The words
23 "fare, board, lodging or lodging services" include all charges incurred
24 except for cash payouts to a guest.

25 (b) Proof that fare, board, lodging, lodging services, food,
26 drink, [OR] merchandise or transportation were obtained by false pre-
27 tenses, or that the person refused or neglected to pay for the fare,
28 board, lodging, lodging services, food, drink, [OR] merchandise or trans-
29 portation on demand, or that he gave payment for the fare, board, lodging,

1 lodging services, food, drink, [OR] merchandise or transportation with
2 negotiable paper or credit card voucher upon which payment was refused
3 is prima facie evidence of the fraudulent intent required in (a) of this
4 section.

5 * Sec. 2. AS 11.20.480(c) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

6 (3) "taxicab" means a motor-driven passenger vehicle having a
7 seating capacity of not more than seven persons, including driver, which
8 is offered for public hire on a time or distance basis and which is not
9 operated on a predetermined schedule or over fixed routes.