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BY BROWN, GARDINER AND
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2 HOUSE BILL NO. 42 am S

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 or vehicles."

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

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

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

27 (b) Proof that fare, board, lodging, lodging services, food,
28 drink, [OR] merchandise or transportation services were obtained by
29 false pretenses, or that the person refused or neglected to pay for the

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

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

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

12 (4) "vehicle" means any device or contrivance for carrying
13 or conveying persons or objects, including land conveyances, vessels,
14 aircraft, and spacecraft, with or without operator, which is offered
15 for public hire or rent, and which is operated with or without a pre-
16 determined schedule or fixed route.