

Introduced: 2/4/77
Referred: Judiciary

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY COWPER AND DANKWORTH

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 177

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 the right of the victim of a
7 violent crime to appear at the sentencing of the
8 defendant convicted of the crime."

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

10 * Section 1. AS 12.55 is amended by adding a new section to read:

11 Sec. 12.55.130. RIGHT OF VICTIM OF VIOLENT CRIME TO ATTEND SENTENC-
12 ING. Whenever the superior court is sentencing a defendant who has been
13 found guilty of a crime involving violence, the victim of the crime, the
14 parents or guardians of the victim if the victim is a minor, or the
15 spouse or next of kin of the victim if the victim is deceased, may
16 appear as a matter of right in person or by counsel to offer comments to
17 the court on the events constituting the crime, and, if the court asks
18 recommendations of either the district attorney or counsel for the
19 defense as to the sentence, to make a recommendation as to the sentence.
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