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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

2 SENATE CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 573 (Judiciary) am S

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the crime of tampering with a  
7 witness."

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

9 \* Section 1. AS 11.56.540 is amended to read:

10 Sec. 11.56.540. TAMPERING WITH A WITNESS IN THE FIRST DEGREE. (a)

11 A person commits the crime of tampering with a witness in the first  
12 degree if the person [HE] knowingly induces or attempts to induce a  
13 witness to

14 [(1)] testify falsely [, OFFER MISLEADING TESTIMONY,] or unlaw-  
15 fully withhold testimony in an official proceeding [; OR

16 (2) ABSENT HIMSELF FROM AN OFFICIAL PROCEEDING TO WHICH HE  
17 HAS BEEN SUMMONED].

18 (b) Tampering with a witness in the first degree is a class C  
19 felony [A MISDEMEANOR].

20 \* Sec. 2. AS 11.56 is amended by adding a new section to read:

21 Sec. 11.56.545. TAMPERING WITH A WITNESS IN THE SECOND DEGREE.

22 (a) A person commits the crime of tampering with a witness in the  
23 second degree if the person knowingly induces or attempts to induce a  
24 witness to

25 (1) offer misleading testimony in an official proceeding; or

26 (2) be absent from an official proceeding to which the  
27 witness has been summoned.

28 (b) Tampering with a witness in the second degree is a class A  
29 misdemeanor.