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1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 552 (State Affairs)  
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
4 FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION  
5 A BILL  
6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to setting speed limits and neigh-  
7 borhood speed zones."  
8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:  
9 \* Section 1. AS 19.10.070 is amended to read:  
10 Sec. 19.10.070. DETERMINATION OF SAFE SPEED LIMITS. The de-  
11 partment may conduct investigations with the assistance of the Depart-  
12 ment of Public Safety and shall determine safe speed limits and safe  
13 speed zones on highways and arterial roadways under its jurisdiction.  
14 \* Sec. 2. AS 19.10.070 is amended by adding new subsections to read:  
15 (b) In determining safe speed limits and safe speed zones within  
16 urban areas of a municipality under (a) of this section, the depart-  
17 ment shall consult with that municipality. The department shall  
18 provide notice and opportunity for a hearing before establishing a  
19 speed limit or speed zone other than as recommended by the municipal-  
20 ity.  
21 (c) In determining safe speed limits and safe speed zones under  
22 (a) of this section, the department shall consult with the community  
23 council or other neighborhood organization in the affected area, if  
24 the community council or other neighborhood organization requests in  
25 writing to participate in the determination. The department shall  
26 provide notice and opportunity for a hearing before establishing a  
27 speed limit or speed zone other than as recommended by the community  
28 council or other neighborhood organization.  
29 \* Sec. 3. AS 19.10 is amended by adding a new section to read:

1           Sec. 19.10.072. NEIGHBORHOOD SPEED ZONES. In determining safe  
2 speed limits and safe speed zones under AS 19.10.070, the department  
3 shall consider the following factors in the order of priority listed:  
4           (1) neighborhood safety, including the presence of children  
5 and pedestrian traffic;  
6           (2) the presence of schools, houses, parks, and crosswalks;  
7           (3) the presence of driveways, parked vehicles, and multi-  
8 ple turn locations;  
9           (4) that speed at which safe and prudent drivers could pass  
10 through the speed zone; and  
11           (5) the effectiveness of local enforcement of the speed  
12 zone.