

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE BY
REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

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HOUSE BILL NO. 125

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to a cause of action for certain

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conduct involving discriminatory harassment."

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

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* Section 1. AS 09.55 is amended by adding a new section to read:

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ARTICLE 8. DISCRIMINATORY HARASSMENT.

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Sec. 09.55.650. DISCRIMINATORY HARASSMENT ACTION. (a) A person

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may maintain an action for discriminatory harassment against another

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person, or against the parent or legal guardian of a minor, who has

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caused physical injury to the person or damage to the property of the

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person, with the intent to intimidate or harass the person because of

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the person's sex, sexual orientation, race, color, religion, national

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origin, or physical or mental disability.

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(b) Actual and punitive damages may be awarded to a prevailing

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plaintiff in an action brought under this section. An award of dam-

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ages against the parent or legal guardian of a minor under this sec-

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tion must be predicated upon conduct of the parent or legal guardian

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that is at least negligent. An award of damages under this section

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does not preclude a person from seeking other remedies available under

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law.

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(c) A party filing a complaint or an answer under this section,

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shall serve an informational copy on the executive director of the

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Alaska State Commission for Human Rights.