

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE  
BY REQUEST

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HOUSE BILL NO. 225

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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

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For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to citations for vehicle and traffic offenses."

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

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\* Section 1. AS 12.25.210(a) is amended to read:

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(a) A peace officer, upon issuing a citation to an alleged violator under AS 12.25.180, shall deposit the original or a copy of the citation with a court having jurisdiction over the alleged offense. If the citation charges a vehicle or traffic offense under a municipal ordinance for which imprisonment is not a penalty, the peace officer shall deposit the original or a copy of the citation with the clerk of the municipality that issued the citation, unless otherwise provided under rule adopted by the supreme court.

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\* Sec. 2. AS 28.05.151(c) is amended to read:

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(c) A person cited for a motor vehicle or traffic offense for which a bail amount has been established under (b) of this section may, within five days from the date of the citation, mail or personally deliver to the clerk of the court having jurisdiction over the place where the offense occurred for an offense under state law, or if the citation charges a vehicle or traffic offense under a municipal ordinance for which imprisonment is not a penalty, to the clerk of the municipality, unless otherwise provided under rule adopted by the supreme court.

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(1) the amount of bail indicated on the citation for that

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offense; and

1           (2) a copy of the citation signed by the person on an  
2 appropriate blank on the citation indicating the person's waiver of  
3 appearance, plea of no contest, and direction to forfeit the bail.

4 \* Sec. 3. AS 28.15.191(b) is amended to read:

5           (b) A conviction on a plea of no contest [NOLO CONTENDERE]  
6 accepted by the court or a forfeiture of bail or collateral deposited  
7 to secure a defendant's appearance in court that [WHICH] has not been  
8 vacated is equivalent to a conviction for purposes of this chapter.  
9 If a defendant enters a plea of no contest and forfeits bail on a  
10 citation charging a vehicle or traffic offense under a municipal  
11 ordinance for which imprisonment is not a penalty, the municipality  
12 shall forward a record of the forfeiture to the department.