

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY RIEGER AND PETTYJOHN

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HOUSE BILL NO. 235

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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 civil liability of zoos and zoo  
7 operators."

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

9 \* Section 1. AS 09.17 is amended by adding a new section to read:

10 Sec. 09.17.100. CIVIL LIABILITY OF ZOOS. (a) A person may not  
11 recover damages for injury to person or property from a zoo or a zoo  
12 operator, if the damages occurred as a result of an inherent risk of  
13 attendance at a zoo, notice of the inherent risk was posted as re-  
14 quired under (b) of this section, and the zoo operator exercised  
15 reasonable care to prevent the injury.

16 (b) A zoo operator shall post signs at prominent places within a  
17 zoo and at each zoo entrance. Each sign shall include a statement  
18 warning that the zoo is not liable for injuries to person or property  
19 occurring as a result of dangers or conditions inherent in attending  
20 the zoo.

21 (c) In this section

22 (1) "inherent risk of attendance" means the dangers or  
23 conditions that are an integral part of the physical layout of a zoo  
24 and the physical proximity of wild animals;

25 (2) "zoo" means a place where wild animals are kept for  
26 exhibition to the public.