

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

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HOUSE BILL NO. 344

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to physically and mentally disabled
7 persons."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 09.65.150(a) is amended to read:

10 (a) The driver of a vehicle approaching a physically disabled
11 pedestrian who is carrying a white or metallic-colored cane, or using
12 special equipment for mobility, or using a service animal, shall take
13 precautions necessary to avoid injury to the pedestrian or the service
14 animal. A driver who fails to take necessary precautions and, as a
15 result, causes injury to the pedestrian or the service animal, or
16 causes property damage, is liable [IN DAMAGES] for the injury or
17 damage caused.

18 * Sec. 2. AS 11.76.130(a) is amended to read:

19 (a) A person commits the crime of interference with the rights
20 of a disabled person if the person intentionally prevents or restricts

21 (1) a physically or mentally disabled person from having
22 full and free pedestrian use of a street, highway, sidewalk, walkway,
23 or other thoroughfare, to the same extent that any other person has a
24 right to pedestrian use; or

25 (2) a physically disabled person from being accompanied or
26 assisted by a certified service animal, without an extra charge for
27 the service animal, in a common carrier, place of public accommoda-
28 tion, or other place to which the general public is invited, except as
29 provided in (b) of this section.

1 * Sec. 3. AS 28.15.031(b)(4) is repealed.