

1 IN THE HOUSE

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HOUSE BILL NO. 448

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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 outdoor political advertising."

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

8 \* Section 1. AS 15.25.030(b) is amended to read:

9 (b) A person filing a declaration of candidacy under this sec-  
10 tion shall simultaneously file a statement

11 (1) of income sources and business interests which complies  
12 with the requirements of AS 39.50;

13 (2) that the candidate is familiar with the provisions of  
14 law regulating outdoor political advertising as prepared by the De-  
15 partment of Transportation and Public Facilities.

16 \* Sec. 2. AS 19.25 is amended by adding a new section to read:

17 Sec. 19.25.115. OUTDOOR POLITICAL ADVERTISING. (a) A candidate  
18 for public office in the state and a group supporting or opposing a  
19 candidate for public office in the state or supporting or opposing a  
20 ballot proposition or question may erect temporary posters or signs on  
21 private property to reflect their views if the posters and signs are  
22 not in violation of AS 19.25.105(a).

23 (b) The department shall immediately remove posters or signs  
24 placed on public property or placed in violation of AS 19.25.105(a)  
25 and shall bill the candidate or group advertised on the sign or poster  
26 for its actual costs involved in the removal of the posters or signs.

27 \* Sec. 3. AS 19.25.130 is amended to read:

28 Sec. 19.25.130. PENALTY FOR VIOLATION. Except as provided in  
29 (b) of this section, a [A] person who violates AS 19.25.080 -

1 19.25.180 [,] or a regulation adopted under them [,] is guilty of a  
2 misdemeanor and upon conviction is punishable by a fine of not less  
3 than \$50 nor more than \$1,000.

4 \* Sec. 4. AS 19.25.130 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

5 (b) A person who violates AS 19.25.115 or a regulation adopted  
6 under it is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction is punishable  
7 by a fine of not less than \$250 nor more than \$1,000.

8 \* Sec. 5. AS 19.25.150 is amended to read:

9 Sec. 19.25.150. UNLAWFUL ADVERTISING. A nonpolitical [AN]  
10 advertising sign, display or device that [WHICH] violates the pro-  
11 visions of AS 19.25.080 - 19.25.180 [THIS CHAPTER] is a public nui-  
12 sance. The department shall give 30 days' notice, by certified mail,  
13 to the owner of the land on which the nonpolitical advertising sign,  
14 display or device is located, ordering its removal if it is prohibited  
15 by AS 19.25.080 - 19.25.180 [THIS CHAPTER] or ordering the owner to  
16 cause it to conform to regulations if it is authorized by AS 19.25.-  
17 080 - 19.25.180 [THIS CHAPTER]. If the owner of the property fails to  
18 comply within 30 days of [AS REQUIRED IN] the notice, the department  
19 shall remove the outdoor advertising sign, display or device at the  
20 expense of the owner of the land or the person who erected it.

21 \* Sec. 6. AS 19.25.160(1) is amended to read:

22 (1) "outdoor advertising" includes any nonpolitical outdoor  
23 sign, display or device used to advertise, attract attention or inform  
24 and which is visible to a person on the main-traveled way of a highway  
25 of the interstate, primary, or secondary systems in this state, wheth-  
26 er by printing, writing, painting, picture, light, drawing, or whether  
27 by the use of figures or objects, or a combination of these, or any  
28 other thing designed, intended or used to advertise, inform or attract  
29 attention;