

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE LABOR AND  
COMMERCE COMMITTEE

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HOUSE BILL NO. 535

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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 working conditions for employees  
7 required to use respirators."

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

9 \* Section 1. AS 18.60 is amended by adding a new section to read:

10 Sec. 18.60.101. WORK WITH RESPIRATORS. (a) An employer shall  
11 provide each employee who is required to use a respirator during  
12 employment with a rest period after each four consecutive hours of  
13 work in which the respirator was used. The rest period must be long  
14 enough so that the employee can spend at least 15 minutes in an area  
15 in which the air is breathable without use of a respirator.

16 (b) An employer shall require an employee using a respirator to  
17 report in writing whether a safety problem occurred during a work  
18 period. The employer may not discharge or discriminate against the  
19 employee because the employee reported a safety problem that the  
20 employee believed to exist. The employer shall include notice of this  
21 protection on the form on which the employee is required to indicate  
22 whether a safety problem occurred. The form must also include space  
23 for the employee to indicate

24 (1) the number of hours worked and the number and length of  
25 the rest periods;

26 (2) the kind of equipment used and whether the equipment  
27 functioned properly; and

28 (3) by making a check mark on the appropriate line or box  
29 whether the employee believes that a health or safety problem occurred

1        during the time worked and space for explanation of a suspected prob-  
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