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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE LABOR AND  
COMMERCE COMMITTEE

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SENATE BILL NO. 498

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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 lead in public water systems and  
7 in certain plumbing installations and repairs; and  
8 providing for an effective date."

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

10 \* Section 1. AS 18.60.705 is amended by adding a new subsection to  
11 read:

12 (b) Notwithstanding (a) of this section, the use of a pipe or  
13 pipe fitting containing more than 8.0 percent lead, or of solder or  
14 flux containing more than 0.2 percent lead in the installation or  
15 repair of a public water system or in the installation or repair of  
16 plumbing of a residential or nonresidential facility that provides  
17 water for human consumption is prohibited. This subsection does not  
18 apply to the use of leaded joints necessary to repair cast iron pipe.

19 \* Sec. 2. AS 18.60.740(1) is repealed and reenacted to read:

20 (1) "code" means the code adopted under AS 18.60.705(a) as  
21 amended by AS 18.60.705(b).

22 \* Sec. 3. AS 46.03 is amended by adding a new section to read:

23 ARTICLE 6A. LEAD IN PUBLIC WATER SYSTEMS.

24 Sec. 46.03.350. LEAD IN PUBLIC WATER SYSTEMS. A public water  
25 system shall notify persons who may be affected by lead contamination  
26 of their drinking water if the contamination results from the lead  
27 content in the construction materials of the public water distribution  
28 system or the corrosivity of the water supply sufficient to cause  
29 leaching of lead. Notice shall be given whether or not the lead

1       contamination violates AS 18.60.705(b). The department shall adopt  
2       regulations to govern the manner and form of the notice. The notice  
3       must explain

4               (1) the potential sources of lead in the drinking water;

5               (2) potential adverse health effects;

6               (3) reasonably available methods of mitigating known or  
7       potential lead content in drinking water;

8               (4) steps the system is taking to mitigate lead content in  
9       drinking water; and

10              (5) the necessity for seeking alternative water supplies,  
11       if any.

12       \* Sec. 4. APPLICABILITY. Section 1 of this Act applies to the instal-  
13       lation or repair of a water system or plumbing begun on or after the effec-  
14       tive date of this Act.

15       \* Sec. 5. This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).