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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY GRUENBERG AND HOFFMAN

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HOUSE BILL NO. 235

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to safety involving certain kinds of
7 equipment and containers."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 18.60.400 is repealed and reenacted to read:

10 Sec. 18.60.400. CONTAINER SAFETY REQUIREMENTS. A person may not
11 leave in a place accessible to a child an unattended icebox, refrig-
12 erator, freezer, or other equipment or container of a kind and size
13 sufficient to permit the entrapment or suffocation of a child inside
14 without first removing the latches, hinges, or cover or otherwise
15 rendering it safe with respect to possible entrapment and suffocation
16 of a child. A person may not allow another to violate this section on
17 premises or in an area under the person's control.

18 * Sec. 2. AS 18.60.410 is repealed and reenacted to read:

19 Sec. 18.60.410. NEW EQUIPMENT TO HAVE OPENING DEVICE ON INSIDE.
20 A person may not offer for sale an icebox, refrigerator, freezer, or
21 other equipment or container of a kind and size sufficient to permit
22 the entrapment or suffocation of a child unless the door can be opened
23 easily from the inside, either by application of an outwardly directed
24 force to the inside of the door or by the rotation of a knob similar
25 to a conventional door knob.

26 * Sec. 3. AS 18.60.420 is amended to read:

27 Sec. 18.60.420. ADMINISTRATION OF AS 18.60.400 - 18.60.460. The
28 Department of Labor shall administer AS 18.60.400 - 18.60.460. It may
29 appoint inspectors and shall inspect all iceboxes, refrigerators,

1 freezers, and other equipment or containers of a kind and size suffi-
2 cient to permit the entrapment or suffocation of a child if the equip-
3 ment or containers are [SIMILAR EQUIPMENT] shipped into the state.

4 * Sec. 4. AS 18.60.440 is amended to read:

5 Sec. 18.60.440. REVIEW [APPEALS]. A person aggrieved by an
6 order or act of the Department of Labor or of an inspector under
7 AS 18.60.400 - 18.60.460 may, within 15 days after notice of the order
8 or act, request a hearing under AS 44.62.330 - 44.62.640 [APPEAL IN
9 THE MANNER PRESCRIBED BY AS 18.60.370].

10 * Sec. 5. AS 18.60.450 is amended to read:

11 Sec. 18.60.450. VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES. A person who violates
12 a provision of AS 18.60.400 - 18.60.460 is guilty of a class B misde-
13 meanor [AND IS PUNISHABLE BY A FINE OF NOT LESS THAN \$50 NOR MORE THAN
14 \$500].