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1 IN THE SENATE

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SENATE BILL NO. 89

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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 civil liability of zoos and zoo
7 operators."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 09.17 is amended by adding a new section to read:

10 Sec. 09.17.100. CIVIL LIABILITY OF ZOOS. (a) A person may not
11 recover damages for injury to person or property from a zoo or a zoo
12 operator, if the damages occurred as a result of an inherent risk of
13 attendance at a zoo, notice of the inherent risk was posted as re-
14 quired under (b) of this section, and the zoo operator exercised
15 reasonable care to prevent the injury.

16 (b) A zoo operator shall post signs at prominent places within a
17 zoo and at each zoo entrance. Each sign shall include a statement
18 warning that the zoo is not liable for injuries to person or property
19 occurring as a result of dangers or conditions inherent in attending
20 the zoo.

21 (c) In this section

22 (1) "inherent risk of attendance" means the dangers or
23 conditions that are an integral part of a zoo and the physical prox-
24 imity of wild animals;

25 (2) "zoo" means a place where wild animals are kept for
26 exhibition to the public that is

27 (A) owned by the state or a municipality; or

28 (B) owned and operated by a nonprofit organization.