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1 IN THE SENATE BY THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE
2 HOUSE CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 89 (Judiciary)
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION
5 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) Except as pro-
11 vided in (b) of this section, a person who owns or operates a zoo is
12 strictly liable for injury to a person or property if the injury is
13 caused by an animal owned by or in the custody of the zoo.

14 (b) A person who owns or operates a zoo is not strictly liable
15 as provided in (a) of this section if

16 (1) the animal that caused the injury was within the
17 animal's normal place of confinement at the time the injury occurred;

18 (2) the zoo owner or operator had posted signs at prominent
19 places within the zoo, including at each entrance, warning that the
20 liability of the zoo for injuries caused by animals within their
21 normal place of confinement is limited by law; and

22 (3) the enclosure within which the animal was confined at
23 the time of the injury was constructed and maintained in a manner that
24 prevents a person who exercises ordinary care customary for a person
25 of similar age, intelligence, and experience from contacting the
26 animal or entering the enclosure.