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A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to video display terminals."

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

3 * Section 1. AS 39.90 is amended by adding a new section to read:

4 Sec. 39.90.160. VIDEO DISPLAY TERMINAL USE. (a) A state agency shall attempt
5 to provide a hazard free worksite for state employees who use a video display terminal. The
6 head of a state agency shall appoint, for each worksite of the agency at which video display
7 terminals are used, a person responsible for providing information to other employees on the
8 hazards and safe use of video display terminals. The Department of Administration shall train
9 the appointee in the hazards of video display terminals and the measures that may be taken to
10 avoid or lessen those hazards.

11 (b) The Department of Administration shall prepare notices to advise state employees
12 about the hazards and safe use of video display terminals. The department shall provide the
13 notices to the persons appointed under (a) of this section. Those persons shall post the notices
14 at the worksite for which they are responsible and shall add to the notices information on how

1 employees who desire more information may reach them.

2 (c) A state agency may not purchase or lease office equipment related to video display
3 terminal workstations unless the equipment complies with the American National Standard for
4 Human Factors for Engineering of Visual Display Terminal Workstations, ANSI/HFS Standard
5 No. 100-1988 or a subsequent standard that the commissioner of administration determines is at
6 least as protective of the health and safety of the user of a video display terminal as that
7 standard.

8 (d) In this section,

9 (1) "agency" or "state agency" includes the executive, legislative, and judicial
10 branches of state government, the University of Alaska, and the Alaska Railroad Corporation;

11 (2) "terminal" or "video display terminal" means an electronic video screen data
12 presentation machine, commonly called a video display terminal, and includes cathode-ray tubes;
13 "terminal" does not include a television, cash register, memory typewriter, oscilloscope screen,
14 or fixed console computer aided design drafting (CADD) hardware equipment.

15 * Sec. 2. REPORTS. (a) The Department of Administration shall report to the legislature one year
16 and two years after the effective date of this section on implementation of the training program and the
17 equipment purchase requirements of AS 39.90.160, enacted by sec. 1 of this Act.

18 (b) The Department of Labor shall report to the legislature on or before January 15, 1993, and
19 January 15, 1994, concerning injuries arising from the use of video display terminals in the workplace.