

**CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 534 (STATE AFFAIRS)
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION**

BY THE HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Offered: 3/25/92

Referred: Judiciary, Finance

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES GRUENBERG, Koponen, B.Davis

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to civil and human rights."

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

3 * **Section 1. AS 11.76.110(c) is amended to read:**

4 (c) Interference with constitutional rights is a class C felony [A MISDEMEANOR].

5 * **Sec. 2. AS 18.80.255 is amended by adding new subsections to read:**

6 (b) It is unlawful for the state, or a political subdivision of the state, or an official,
7 employee, or agency of the state, or of a political subdivision of the state, to sponsor or organize
8 a meeting or other activity the purpose of which is related to state business, including an athletic
9 competition, in an establishment or facility that does not afford full membership rights and
10 privileges to a person because of sex, race, creed, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, or
11 physical or mental disability. This subsection does not apply to the state, or a political
12 subdivision of the state, or an official, employee, or agent of the state, or of a political
13 subdivision of the state, acting in the course of law enforcement or other required investigations
14 or inspections, or to the division of elections when providing precinct polling places.

1 (c) Money of the state or a political subdivision of the state may not be expended in
2 connection with a meeting or other activity held at an establishment or facility that does not
3 afford full membership rights and privileges to a person because of sex, race, creed, color,
4 religion, ancestry, national origin, or mental or physical disability. This provision does not apply
5 to state funds expended during the course of ongoing law enforcement or other required
6 investigations or inspections or to state funds expended for provision of precinct polling places
7 by the division of elections.

8 (d) An official, employee, or agent of the state, or of a political subdivision of the state,
9 may not be reimbursed for dues or other expenses incurred at an establishment or facility that
10 does not afford full membership rights and privileges to a person because of sex, race, creed,
11 color, religion, ancestry, national origin, or physical or mental disability. This provision does not
12 apply to expenditures incurred by an official, employee, or agent acting in the course of law
13 enforcement or other required investigations or inspections or to expenditures for provision of
14 precinct polling places by the division of elections.

15 (e) In this section, an "official" means a person who holds an elected or appointed
16 position in state government or in a political subdivision of the state.

17 * Sec. 3. AS 18.80.270 is amended to read:

18 Sec. 18.80.270. CRIMINAL AND CIVIL PENALTIES [PENALTY]. A person,
19 employer, labor organization, or employment agency, who or that wilfully engages in an unlawful
20 discriminatory conduct prohibited by this chapter, or wilfully resists, prevents, impedes, or
21 interferes with the commission or any of its authorized representatives in the performance of duty
22 under this chapter, or who or that wilfully violates an order of the commission, is guilty of a
23 class A misdemeanor [AND UPON CONVICTION BY A COURT OF COMPETENT
24 JURISDICTION IS PUNISHABLE BY A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$500, OR BY
25 IMPRISONMENT IN A JAIL FOR NOT MORE THAN 30 DAYS, OR BY BOTH].

26 * Sec. 4. AS 18.80.270 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

27 (b) In a civil action based on conduct in violation of this chapter, a court may award
28 treble punitive damages in addition to general damages, special damages, court costs, attorney
29 fees, and amounts otherwise allowed by law.