

**SENATE BILL NO. 37**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY SENATOR MENARD

Introduced: 1/21/91

Referred: L&amp;C, Transportation and Finance

**A BILL****FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 "An Act relating to food and housing for construction workers at remote construction sites  
2 on public construction projects; and providing for an effective date."

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

4 \* Section 1. AS 36.90 is amended by adding a new section to read:

5           Sec. 36.90.110. FOOD AND HOUSING AT REMOTE CONSTRUCTION SITES. (a)  
6           Except as provided in (b) of this section, an employer or contractor shall provide food and  
7           housing to an employee of the employer or contractor working on a public construction project  
8           at a remote construction site. The housing must meet safety and health standards for housing set  
9           out in the Standards for Occupational and Industrial Structures adopted by the department. The  
10           employer or contractor may not consider the cost of the food and housing in setting wages for  
11           the employee or in meeting wage requirements under AS 23.10.065 or AS 36.05.

12           (b) An employer or contractor who provides adequate transportation to employees is  
13           exempt from the requirement to provide food and housing under (a) of this section.  
14           Transportation is adequate under this section if it

1 (1) is available daily at reasonable hours to and from the remote construction site  
2 to a location that provides access to adequate commercially-available housing;

3 (2) takes no more than 30 minutes to transport the employee from the departure  
4 point to the worksite; and

5 (3) meets applicable transportation safety standards.

6 (c) The requirements of this section are considered a part of every contract for hire for  
7 a public construction project in the state. The advertised specifications for a public construction  
8 contract that is partly or wholly funded by state money must contain a provision stating the  
9 requirement for providing food and housing at remote construction sites.

10 (d) The department shall implement this section by regulation.

11 (e) In this section "remote" means a work site that is either more than 50 road miles or  
12 inaccessible by two-wheel-drive vehicles from a place that has adequate, commercially-available  
13 food and housing that meet the standards set out in (a) of this section.

14 \* **Sec. 2.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).