

**SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 37**  
**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA**  
**SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION**

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Referred: L&C, Transportation, Finance

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 "An Act relating to food and housing for construction workers at remote construction sites  
2 on certain state 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 STATE CONSTRUCTION**  
6 **SITES.** (a) Except as provided in (b) and (c) of this section, the state shall require that a  
7 contractor provide food and housing to an employee of the contractor working on a state  
8 construction project at a remote construction site. The contractor may not consider the cost of  
9 the food and housing in setting wages for the employee or in meeting wage requirements under  
10 AS 23.10.065 or AS 36.05.

11           (b) Before the award of a state construction contract, the state shall estimate the length  
12 of active, on-site workdays required to complete the project, and the number of contractor  
13 employees required at peak employment periods. If the estimate indicates that the project will  
14 require fewer than 60 continuous calendar days of active on-site work or fewer than 15 contractor

1 employees at peak employment periods, the project is exempt from the requirement to provide  
2 food and housing set out in (a) of this section.

3 (c) A contractor who provides adequate transportation to employees is exempt from the  
4 requirement to provide food and housing set out in (a) of this section for those employees for  
5 whom the transportation is provided. Transportation is adequate under this subsection if it

6 (1) transports the employee from the departure point to the work site in 60  
7 minutes or less or if the employer pays wages to the employee for time spent travelling to the  
8 work site in excess of 60 minutes; return transportation shall be provided on the same basis;

9 (2) is available each workday at times reasonably close to the beginning and  
10 ending of each work shift;

11 (3) begins from and returns to a departure point that is central to either a location  
12 where commercially available food and lodging establishments exist or which is the domicile of  
13 the employee; and

14 (4) meets applicable transportation safety standards.

15 (d) Unless a state construction contract is exempt under (b) or (c) of this section, the  
16 specifications for the contract must contain a provision setting out the requirement for providing  
17 food and housing at remote construction sites and the optional provisions for transportation  
18 services.

19 (e) The Department of Transportation and Public Facilities shall implement this section  
20 by regulation.

21 (f) In this section,

22 (1) "domicile" means the principal place of residence of an individual during the  
23 90 days before employment on the state construction project;

24 (2) "remote" means a work site that is either more than 50 road miles from or  
25 inaccessible by two-wheel drive vehicles from a location that has commercial food and lodging  
26 establishments adequate to accommodate the work force of the state construction project;

27 (3) "state construction" means the on-site field surveying, erection, rehabilitation,  
28 alteration, extension, or repair, including painting or redecorating, of buildings, highways, or  
29 other improvements to real property, under contract for the state.

30 \* Sec. 2. This Act does not apply to a contract for a state construction project that was entered into  
31 before September 1, 1991.

I   ▪ **Sec. 3.** This Act takes effect September 1, 1991.