

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 437(TRA)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Offered: 3/4/94

Referred: State Affairs, Finance

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES DAVIES, Brown, Finkelstein

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to the operation of bicycles on state highways; prohibiting motor**
2 **vehicle operators or occupants from harassing bicycle operators; and encouraging**
3 **the safe use of bicycles as a basic means of transportation."**

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

5 *** Section 1. AS 28.05.011 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:**

6 (b) **The commissioner may not adopt a regulation that prohibits the operation**
7 **of a bicycle on a highway. The commissioner may regulate the manner of operation**
8 **of a bicycle.**

9 *** Sec. 2. AS 28.35 is amended by adding a new section to read:**

10 **Sec. 28.35.237. HARASSMENT OF BICYCLIST. A person commits the**
11 **crime of harassment of a bicyclist if the person, while operating a motor vehicle or as**
12 **a passenger of a motor vehicle, directs loud, angry, or obscene verbal abuse at an**
13 **operator of a bicycle for the purpose of threatening or intimidating the operator of the**
14 **bicycle or limiting or preventing the bicyclist's lawful use of the highway.**

1 • **Sec. 3. AS 44.42.020(a) is amended by adding new paragraphs to read:**

2 **(16) when planning, designing, and constructing highways, provide for**
3 **the safe use of those highways by bicycles as a basic means of transportation;**

4 **(17) develop facilities and programs that encourage the safe use of**
5 **bicycles as a basic means of transportation.**