

HB 282

BILL SHEFFIELD  
GOVERNOR



STATE OF ALASKA  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
JUNEAU

March 18, 1983

The Honorable Joe L. Hayes  
Speaker of the House  
Alaska State Legislature  
Pouch V  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

*NOTICE TO EMPLOYER  
THE AVERAGE FINE TO  
EMPLOYER!*

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Under the authority of art. III, sec. 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to notices for occupational safety and health violations.

This bill would allow the Department of Labor to issue a notice, rather than a citation, to an employer for an occupational health and safety violation which is not serious, if the employer agrees to remedy the violation within a reasonable time. If the employer fails to remedy the violation, then a citation is issued in accordance with the procedures for serious violations.

The bill would accomplish several things. It would free occupational safety and health compliance officers from cumbersome administrative responsibilities which attend the issuance of citations, and thereby allow them to devote more time to inspections, while also saving clerical time. (Currently, inspectors can only inspect approximately eight percent of the state's work sites a year). The bill would also promote speedier correction of hazards, since much of the paperwork that must flow between employer and agency in the citation-issuance process would be eliminated. The department strongly urges passage of this bill, and it has the support of unions and employer organizations as well.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bill Sheffield".

Bill Sheffield  
Governor

STATE OF ALASKA  
FISCAL NOTE

Revision Date March 10, 1983

I. REQUEST

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 282  
 Title: "...citations for occupational..."  
 Sponsor: Rules Committee  
 Requestor: Rules Committee

II. FISCAL DETAIL

Agency Affected: Labor  
 Program Category Affected: Public Protection  
 BRU, Program of Subprogram(s) Affected: Occupational Safety and Health

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

|                         | FY 83 | FY 84 | FY 85 | FY 86 | FY 87 | FY 88 |
|-------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| <b>OPERATING</b>        |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| 100 PERSONAL SERVICES   |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| 200 TRAVEL              |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| 300 CONTRACTUAL         |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| 400 COMMODITIES         |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| 500 EQUIPMENT           |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| 600 LAND & STRUCTURES   |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| 700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| <b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>  | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0     |
| <b>CAPITAL</b>          |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| <b>REVENUE</b>          |       |       |       |       |       |       |

FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

|                        |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| GENERAL FUND           | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| FEDERAL FUNDS          |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| OTHER (Specify Source) |   |   |   |   |   |   |

POSITIONS:

|           |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|-----------|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FULL-TIME | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| PART-TIME |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| TEMPORARY |   |   |   |   |   |   |

III. SOURCE OF FUNDS TO OFFSET FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL: No fiscal impact.

IV. ANALYSIS: Attach a separate page for any Analysis.

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Approved by Commissioner: J. Robison  
 Department: Labor

Date: March 10, 1983

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