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Bill No. Senate Bill No. 256

Date April 5, 1985

Title "An Act relating to exposure to microwave radiation in the workplace."

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Senate Bill No. 256 provides special employer reporting requirements when an employee is over-exposed to microwave radiation; requires that employees who may be exposed to microwave radiation be informed of the potential exposure and trained to safely work around such radiation; and requires that microwave radiation information be included on the "Right to Know" poster printed and distributed by the department.

This bill was introduced as a result of an incident in which several workers were over-exposed to microwave radiation while repairing a radar dish. An estimated 700 workers in Alaska do this type of work. The bill would also cover other workers who may work around other sources of microwave radiation such as bar and restaurant employees who use microwave ovens.

The reporting of incidents involving over-exposure to microwave radiation will assist the department in identifying and correcting work conditions which cause such exposures; and the employee education and training, as prescribed in the bill, will effect implementation of protective measures by the employer to safeguard employees, as well as provide employees with an understanding of the importance of following safe and healthful work practices. This bill would, therefore, enhance the department's efforts to protect Alaska's workers.

The Department of Labor supports Senate Bill No. 256. It will not have a fiscal impact on the department.

APPROVED:



Jim Robison, Commissioner  
Department of Labor

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FISCAL NOTE

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REQUEST

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 256  
 Title: "An Act relating to exposure to microwave radiation..."  
 Sponsor: Coghill & Josephson  
 Requestor: Senate Labor & Commerce  
 Date of Request: 3/27/85

FISCAL DETAIL

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

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 85	FY 86	FY 87	FY 88	FY 89	FY 90
<b>OPERATING</b>						
100 PERSONAL SERVICES						
200 TRAVEL						
300 CONTRACTUAL						
400 SUPPLIES						
500 EQUIPMENT						
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS						
800 MISCELLANEOUS						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

<b>CAPITAL</b>						
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<b>REVENUE</b>						
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FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND						
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
<b>TOTAL</b>	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

POSITIONS:

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

ANALYSIS: Attach a separate page if necessary

Assumes that inclusion of information on microwave radiation on the department's "Right-to-Know" poster, per Sec. 3 of SB 256, does not have to be incorporated until the department exhausts its present supply and reprints the poster.

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