

SB

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Original sponsor: Transportation Committee

1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE LABOR AND  
COMMERCE COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 146 (L&C)

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to weights and measures; and provid-  
7 ing for an effective date."

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

9 \* Section 1. AS 45.75.050(b) is amended to read:

10 (b) The regulations may include

11 (1) standards of net weight, measure, or count, and reason-  
12 able standards of fill, for a [ANY] commodity in package form;

13 (2) rules governing the technical and reporting procedures  
14 to be followed, and the report and record forms and marks of approval  
15 and rejection to be used by inspectors of weights and measures in the  
16 discharge of their official duties;

17 (3) exemptions from the sealing or marking requirements of  
18 AS 45.75.120 for [WITH RESPECT TO] weights and measures of a character  
19 or size that sealing or marking would be inappropriate, impracticable,  
20 or damaging to the apparatus in question; [AND]

21 (4) for [WITH RESPECT TO] classes of weights and measures  
22 of a character that retesting is unnecessary to continued accuracy,  
23 exemptions from the requirements of AS 45.75.070 and 45.75.080 for  
24 testing, and schedules fixing the frequency of required retests for  
25 classes of devices exempted;

26 (5) in the implementation of AS 44.33.020(25), provisions  
27 governing the size, weight, and load limitations established under  
28 AS 19.10.060; the issuance of permits for overweight and oversize  
29 vehicles; and the operation of weigh stations.

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Dept. of Transportation & Public Facilities

# Position Paper

**BILL NO:** SB 146

**APPROVED:** Mark Hickey *MSK*  
Commissioner

**TITLE:** An Act Relating to Weight and Measures and  
Providing for an Effective Date

**DATE:** 3/9/87

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The proposed legislation provides statutory authority for the Department of Commerce and Economic Development for enforcement of vehicle size, weight and load limitations. It also provides for penalties for those who violate either the provisions of an oversize or overweight vehicle permit or the legal size weight and load limitations adopted under Alaska Statutes.

The legislation is needed since without it there is no legal mechanism for enforcement of penalties for violations of existing vehicle size and weight regulations.



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Senator Jay Kerttula  
Chair, Senate Judiciary Committee  
Alaska State Legislature  
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Juneau, Alaska 99811

Representative John Sund  
Chair, House Judiciary Committee  
Alaska State Legislature  
P. O. Box V  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Senator Kerttula and Representative Sund:

The supreme court recently updated the Alaska Traffic Bail Forfeiture Schedule for the first time since it was adopted by the court in 1975. In the process of preparing the schedule for review by the court, administrative staff discovered that there are no penalty provisions in the Alaska Statutes which would permit enforcement of a variety of regulations relating to size, height and weight of commercial vehicles. Although these offenses previously were listed on the bail schedule with a bail forfeiture amount, it appears the offenses should not have appeared on the schedule because of the lack of a penalty section. The court system brought this concern to the attention of the Department of Public Safety, which concurred with the court/staff analysis.

Based on this information, the supreme court decided to omit these offenses from the bail schedule. Normally, omission would result in a mandatory court appearance (rather than a mail-in payment). However, without a penalty there is no basis for judicial officers hearing these matters to sentence defendants.

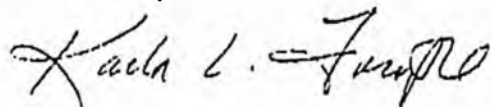
The new schedule was made available to State Troopers several weeks ago, and troopers on the street became aware that this provision was no longer listed on the schedule. As a result, troopers have inquired of administrative staff and also of court system traffic clerks whether or not the court system will accept citations for these offenses and what the disposition will be.

Senator Jay Kerttula, et al  
February 25, 1987  
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Although the court system usually does not suggest substantive measures to the Legislature for its consideration, there is a clear need for legislation in this area. To the best of my knowledge there is no controversy surrounding this measure. Since the court system is in the best position to provide the Legislature with background material on these offenses, I have attached several memoranda outlining the development of this problem and the relationship between the relevant statutes and regulations. Although the court system is not in a position to propose specific language, it appears that the Legislature could solve this problem by adopting a specific penalty for violation of these regulations.

Thank you for your consideration of this problem. I will be glad to provide additional information or answer any questions from you or other committee members.

Sincerely,



Karla L. Forsythe  
Staff Counsel

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Att.

cc: Arthur H. Snowden, II, Administrative Director  
Susan Miller, Manager, Special Projects  
Acting Public Safety Commissioner William Nix  
Judge Glen C. Anderson  
Magistrate Skip Slater  
Magistrate Roy Williams  
Sandy Ganong, Anchorage Traffic Supervisor  
Joe Swanson, Division of Weights and Means,  
Department of Commerce and Economic Development

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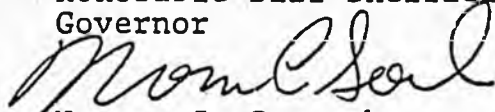
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OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

November 26, 1984

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Honorable Bill Sheffield  
Governor

FROM:   
Norman C. Gorsuch  
Attorney General

RE: Attached bills:  
1. Providing penalties for overweight  
and oversize vehicle violations;  
2. Amending the Weights and Measures Act  
Our file nos: 377-115-85 and 377-008-85,  
respectively

Attached are two bills dealing with weights and measures. The short one, prepared in final form for introduction by the governor, was requested by the Department of Public Safety, and deals only with the penalties for overweight and oversize vehicle violations. The longer one, prepared in draft for introduction by a friendly legislator, was requested by the Department of Commerce and Economic Development.

With regard to the penalties for violations of overweight or oversize vehicle regulations or permits, the two bills accomplish essentially the same thing, but in different form. Both bills pick up those kinds of violations to provide a penalty, and both bills treat them as "infractions" -- the offenses below misdemeanors. In addition, the longer bill adds the five-cents-a-pound fine for overweight vehicles to the basic \$300 fine, whereas the shorter bill retains the present alternative arrangement (\$300 for oversize or five cents a pound for overweight).

The two requests are explained in more detail below.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY BILL  
(377-115-85)

This bill provides penalties for violation of the weight and size regulations found in 17 AAC 25.010 -- 17 AAC 25.110 and for violation of a permit issued for an oversize or overweight vehicle under AS 44.33.020(25). Currently there is no provision in AS 19.45 or AS 44.33 that imposes a penalty for

violation of the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities' regulations governing vehicle weight and size or of the Department of Commerce and Economic Development's permits (and its related regulations). A draft containing the identical provisions has been approved by the three departments involved.

A draft transmittal letter to the legislature, explaining the bill in more detail, is also attached.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BILL  
(377-008-85)

This bill amends many sections of AS 45.75, the Weights and Measures Act. This bill was requested by the Department of Commerce and Economic Development, and approved by the Governor's Office on July 30, 1984. We understand that Joe Swanson, director of the division of measurement standards, plans to take the bill to a legislator for introduction.

The bill is nearly identical to CSSB 491(L&C), a version of a governor's bill that was introduced last year (Department of Law file no. 377-075-84). That bill was held up in the House Labor and Commerce Committee. One major difference between CSSB 491(L&C) and the attached bill, is the addition of some detailed procedures in AS 45.75.130 about the issuance of citations (sec. 13 of the bill). The other major difference is the change from a class B misdemeanor to an "infraction" (or "violation" under AS 12.55.035(b)(5)) for all weights and measures offenses (sec. 26 of the bill).

After conferring with Assistant Attorney General Joe Balfe, who is assigned to work with the Department of Public Safety full-time, Joe Swanson decided that the infraction approach of the DPS bill (a draft of which we distributed November 8, 1984) would be preferable for the oversize and overweight vehicle offenses. On Friday, November 23, he told Assistant Attorney General Art Peterson that that approach should be extended to all of the weights and measures offenses. It is felt that the deterrent effect of the greater likelihood of conviction using the infraction approach outweighs the deterrent effect of the stiffer penalties of the misdemeanor approach. It should be noted that the infraction approach does not carry with it the possibility of imprisonment or the increase in penalties for subsequent convictions. In fact, in the current penalty section for AS 28, the motor vehicle title, AS 28.40.050(d) says that an infraction is not considered a criminal offense.

Although this bill is not now going to be introduced

as a governor's bill, a draft transmittal letter is also attached. The letter had already been drafted, and may be useful to the introducing legislator, perhaps as material for a committee report that would provide some useful legislative history and intent.

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cc w/enc.: Hon. Robert Sundberg, Commissioner  
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Hon. Richard Lyon, Commissioner  
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Hon. Richard Knapp, Commissioner  
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D R A F T

Under the authority of art. III, sec. 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill that corrects an oversight in the current law -- perhaps caused by the splitting of responsibility for overweight and oversize vehicles among the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOTPF), the Department of Commerce and Economic Development (DCED), and the Department of Public Safety (DPS). The bill provides penalties for violation of the weight and size regulations in 17 AAC 25.010 -- 17 AAC 25.110, adopted by DOTPF under authority of AS 19.10.060, governing vehicles on public highways. It also provides penalties for violation of permits issued by DCED for overweight and oversize vehicles and for violation of DCED's regulations adopted to enforce DOTPF's weight and size limitations.

Under current law, AS 19.05.010 makes DOTPF responsible for, among other things, "protection and control of the state highway system." AS 19.05.020 and AS 44.42.030 give the department broad authority to adopt regulations to carry out its duties, and AS 19.10.060(1) gives the department specific authority to "establish limitations on weight, size, and load of vehicles." AS 19.45.002 makes violation of AS 19.05 -- 19.25 a misdemeanor, but does not specify the penalty for violation of a regulation adopted under those statutes.

Also under current law, AS 44.33.020(25) requires DCED to operate vehicle weighing stations; issue permits for over-size and overweight vehicles; enforce DOTPF's size, weight, and load limitations; and adopt regulations relating to that enforcement. However, AS 44.33 does not contain an applicable penalty provision.

AS 18.65.080 and AS 44.41.020 give DPS broad authority to enforce the criminal laws of the state and to protect life and property. AS 28.40.050 (designated AS 28.35.230 until publication of the 1984 supplement to the Alaska Statutes) provides penalties for AS 28 violations. However, the duty to operate vehicle weighing stations, enforce DOTPF's weight and size limits, adopt relevant regulations, etc., was transferred from DPS to DCED by ch. 77, SLA 1982's repeal of AS 28.05.011(8) and enactment of AS 44.33.-020(25). Thus, AS 28.40.050(c)'s reference to a regulation adopted "under this title" (i.e., Title 28 of the Alaska Statutes) is no longer sufficient to cover violations of these regulations. Nor is it sufficient to cover violation of DCED's special permits or DOTPF's weight, size, and load limit regulations.

This bill remedies these deficiencies with regard to weight, size, and load regulations. It does not deal with other DCED or DOTPF regulations or functions, nor does it change any of the current penalty provisions.

This bill would classify a violation of the regulations or a permit as an infraction and allow a court to impose the penalty provided for in AS 28.40.050(c) (a fine not to exceed \$300, if the violation consists of an oversize infraction), or AS 28.40.050(e) (\$0.05 for each pound of weight over the authorized weight limit, if the violation involves an overweight infraction).

Because of the extensive damage that can be caused to our public highways by overweight vehicles, and the potential danger that an unregulated, oversize vehicle poses to the motoring public, I have provided in this bill that, if passed, the Act will take effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.10.070(c).

Sincerely,

Bill Sheffield  
Governor



Alaska Court System  
State of Alaska

OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR

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January 9, 1987

Trooper Dial  
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RE: The enforceability of 17 AAC 25.020-.060 (page 27 of the  
VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC OFFENSES BOOKLET)

Dear Trooper Dial:

Enclosed is a July 23, 1985 letter from Court System Deputy Director Stephanie Cole to Public Safety Commissioner Sunberg. Paragraph 3 of the letter concerns the enforceability of 17 AAC regulations. Attached to Stephanie's letter is a copy of an April 11, 1985 letter on this subject from Joe Balfe to Karla Forsythe.

Also enclosed is the department's response to Stephanie's letter. The response is dated August 7, 1985 and signed by Colonel Kolivosky. Paragraph 3 of the letter appears to confirm that the 17 AAC regulations should be removed from the Traffic Bail Forfeiture Schedule.

I believe this problem with Title 19 of the statutes could be corrected very easily if the Department of Public Safety brings it to the attention of the Legislature.

Even though there appears to be no penalty in Alaska Statutes Title 19 (Highways and Ferries) for violating the 17 AAC 25 regulations (which are adopted under the authority of AS 19.05 and 19.10), it can be argued that AS 28.40.050(e) provides a penalty for the 17 AAC 25 regulation which governs allowable gross weights (17 AAC 25.060).

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January 9, 1987  
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AS 28.40.050(e) states:

(e) not withstanding the maximum fine provided for infractions under (c) of this section, for the violation of regulations or special permits issued governing vehicle weight limits, overweight penalties shall be imposed at the rate of five cents for each pound of weight over the authorized weight limit for that vehicle.

The argument against using this statute as the penalty for 17 AAC 25.060 is that the AS 28.40.050 penalty section applies only to regulations adopted under Title 28 (i.e., the 13 AAC regulations) not to regulations adopted under other Titles in the statutes. This limitation is quite clear in paragraph (c) of AS 28.40.050. However, it is much less clear in paragraph (e) of the statute.

I discussed this problem with General Counsel Karla Forsythe after I talked to you. I believe we will try to present this issue to the Supreme Court to see if they think it is appropriate to add 17 AAC 25.060 to the Traffic Bail Forfeiture Schedule based on the penalty section in AS 28.40.050(e). In the meantime, if you wish to continue to charge violations of 17 AAC 25.060, the alleged offense will have to be charged as a mandatory court appearance and the judge in each case will have to decide if there is a penalty for the alleged offense. I will let you know if we are able to get this issue decided by the Supreme Court.

Sincerely,

*Susan Miller*

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Enclosures (2)

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Alaska Court System  
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July 23, 1985

Commissioner Sundberg  
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Dear Commissioner Sundberg:

The administrative office of the Alaska Court System is in the process of updating the statewide traffic bail forfeiture schedule. We hope to present a proposed order to the supreme court for adoption this fall. The order will double existing bail forfeiture amounts, delete repealed statutes and regulations, and add newly adopted statutes and regulations. A draft of the proposed supreme court order containing the actual schedule will be forwarded to the department for comment within the next few weeks.

In the course of developing the revised schedule, several issues have arisen which can best be resolved with the assistance of the Department of Public Safety. These issues are outlined below. I would greatly appreciate it if the department could review these issues, and provide a response by August 16, 1985 so that the order can be presented to the supreme court in a timely manner. Also, it would be extremely helpful if you could designate one person to speak for the department and to work with the court system in revising the schedule. Bill Brown, Jay Dulany and Joe Balfe have worked with the court system in the past on matters relating to the schedule.

Issues for the Department of Public Safety to consider

1. The demerit point schedule contained in 13 AAC 08.210 does not include many of the offenses which the court system processes as criminal cases. These offenses are listed in Attachment A. The department may wish to consider assessing points for these offenses.
2. It is my understanding that the Motor Carrier Safety Regulations formerly contained in 3 AAC 62 have been repealed. These offenses will not appear on the revised traffic bail forfeiture schedule.

3. In a letter dated April 11, 1985, Assistant Attorney General Joe Balfe questions whether any 17 AAC regulation is enforceable (Attachment B), primarily because there is no penalty stated for a violation of a regulation adopted under the authority of certain chapters of Title 19. The court system therefore proposed to eliminate all regulations under 17 AAC from the traffic bail forfeiture schedule. If this creates a problem, or if the department wishes to take a different approach to these offenses, please let me know.

4. The department may wish to review the following offenses which appear on the existing schedule to determine if the offense category should be changed.

- a. An offense under 13 AAC 40.030(c)(2) -- Vehicle to be in Safe Operating Condition -- currently requires a mandatory court appearance. Does the department believe this is still the preferable approach, or should a mail-in bail forfeiture amount be established?
- b. Five offenses for which bail forfeiture is authorized under the current schedule appear to be sufficiently serious to warrant a mandatory court appearance. Does the department wish to retain the bail forfeiture amount, or change the schedule to require mandatory appearances on these offenses?

13 AAC 02.545(a) Drinking While Driving

13 AAC 04.240(a)(d) Requirement for Transportation of Hazardous Material

\*17 AAC 40.420(a) Permit required

\*17 AAC 40.420(b) Operating Vehicle for Disposing of Garbage, w/o Permit

\*17 AAC 40.440(a) Vehicles to Have Proper ID

\*NOTE: These last 3 offenses may be removed from the schedule entirely (see paragraph 3).

5. As a result of statutory and regulatory changes, the offenses listed below should be added to the schedule. It would be helpful if the department could make recommendations about whether each offense is amenable for disposition by mail-in bail forfeiture, the appropriate bail forfeiture amount, points which should be assessed, and the appropriate processing code.

AS 28.35.182(c)

Fail to Stop at Direction of Peace Officer

AS 28.22.250

Falsification of Info. Required Under AS

28.22.210-240

AS 28.05.095(a)

Fail to Properly Secure Child in Child Safety Device

AS 28.05.095(a)

Fail to Provide Child Safety Device (1st Offense)

AS 28.05.095(a)

Fail to Provide Child Safety Device (2nd or Subsequent Offense)

AS 28.05.095(c)	Illegal Removal of Vehicle Seatbelt
13 AAC 06.110	Unlawful Driving of Unsafe Vehicle
13 AAC 06.020(a)	Refusing to Submit Vehicle to Inspection or Test
13 AAC 06.020(b)	Operating Vehicle After Being Directed to Have It Repaired
13 AAC 06.040(a)	Fail to Stop and Submit to Road Side Inspection
13 AAC 08.085(a)	Fail/Mail Report w/in 10 Days Following Accident
13 AAC 08.085(d)	Fail/Mail Supplemental Report Required by Dept.
13 AAC 08.150	Driving Vehicle w/o Properly Classified Driver's License
AS 28.15.041(b)	School Bus Driver Permit Required
*17 AAC 25.030(b-g)	Vehicle or Load Exceeding Length Allowed
*17 AAC 25.030(h)	Combination of 3 or More Cargo-Carrying United Prohibited
*17 AAC 25.035	Exceeding Reasonable Access Limits

\*NOTE: the last three offenses may be removed from the schedule entirely (see paragraph 3).

6. The list of offenses in the above paragraph reflect statutory and regulatory changes through 1984. It would be helpful if the department could identify new offenses created by statute or regulation during 1985, and provide a recommendation as to whether disposition by mail-in bail forfeiture is appropriate, and a recommendation as to bail amount, points and processing code.

7. Legislative Changes

Several changes to motor vehicle statutes would assist the court system in expeditious processing of cases, and should also directly benefit the department in enforcing motor vehicle laws. Would the department be willing to consider seeking the legislative changes listed below?

- a. Under AS 28.35.040, reckless driving is a misdemeanor. Under AS 28.15.181 (6), a conviction for reckless driving is grounds for immediate revocation of a driver's licence. However, the possibility of revocation is not addressed in the reckless driving statute. The statute should be revised to provide that:

- (b) A person convicted of reckless driving is guilty of a misdemeanor and is punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,000 or by imprisonment for not more than one year or by both. In addition, the person's driver's license may be revoked in accordance with AS 28.15.181. (See similar reference in AS 28.35.030(c).

- b. AS 28.40.050(b) provides that the privilege to drive or the registration of vehicles may be suspended or revoked for a violation of a provision of Title 28 for which another penalty is not specifically provided. Does this statute provide for

suspension or revocation of licenses and registration for offense; in addition to those offenses listed in AS 28.15.181 for which suspension or revocation of license is authorized? Either AS 28.40.050(b) should refer to AS 28.15.181, or the statute should enumerate the lengths of suspension/revocation authorized.

- c. Under AS 05.25.060(b), a person charged with operating a watercraft while under the influence is punishable by a maximum penalty of \$500 and/or 6 months. The statute should incorporate the same penalty as AS 28.35.030.
- d. Under AS 28.35.045(c) a person convicted of negligent driving is guilty of an infraction, and in addition the court may limit or suspend the person's driver's license. However, AS 28.15.220 does not include negligent driving as grounds for immediate suspension or revocation of a driver's license. If license suspension or revocation of the license is a possibility, then defendants charged with that crime are faced with loss of a valuable license, and are entitled to jury trials.

Either AS 28.35.045(c) should be revised to eliminate the reference to license suspension, or the possibility of license suspension for negligent driving should be included in AS 28.15.181.

- e. Under AS 28.05.151, the traffic bail schedule can include misdemeanors. As a result, defendants charged with misdemeanors for which bail amounts have been established can plead guilty and mail in the forfeiture amount. These offenses apparently do not appear on an individual's criminal history. Because the maximum penalty is a relatively small fine, courts have not required jury trials and court-appointed counsel for indigent defendants. However, characterizing these offenses as misdemeanors rather than infractions may denote some degree of criminality, which could subject the current system to challenge by persons convicted of misdemeanors who have not been afforded a jury trial or court-appointed counsel. In the view of the administrative office, the legislature's intention to treat these offenses as minor would be clarified by reclassifying bailable misdemeanors as infractions. What is the view of the department about the desirability of reclassifying the offenses listed below which fall into this category?

<u>Violation Section</u>		<u>Penalty Section</u>
AS 05.30.010	Operating Unreg. Snow Vehicle	AS 05.30.110
AS 05.30.040(a)	Fail/Display Numbered Reg. Decal	AS 05.30.110
AS 05.30.080(1-4)	Snow Vehicle Equip. Required	AS 05.30.110
AS 05.30.100	Snow Vehicle Operator to Report Accident	AS 05.30.110
AS 19.25.030	Damages to Obstr/Signs/Const.	AS 11.81.250(a)(4) and (c)

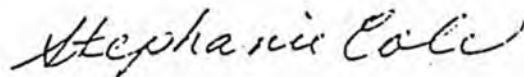
AS 28.10.081(b)	Cert/Registration Carried in Vehicle	AS 28.40.050(a)(b)
AS 28.10.451	Violation of Reg./Title Requirements	AS 28.40.050(a)(b)
AS 28.10.461	Plates/Decals/permits Properly Displayed	AS 28.40.050(a)(b)
AS 28.10.461	Cert/Registration Carried in Vehicle	AS 28.40.050(a)(b)
AS 28.10.461	Operating Unregistered Vehicle	AS 28.40.050(a)(b)
AS 28.10.471	Operating veh. w/Exp. Reg. Up to 90 Days	AS 28.40.050(a)(b)
AS 28.10.471	Operating Veh. w/Exp. Reg. Over 90 Days	AS 28.40.050(a)(b)
AS 28.10.481	Improper Use of Evidence of Reg./Title	AS 28.40.050(a)(b)
AS 28.15.011	Driving w/Expired License	AS 28.40.050(a)(b)
AS 28.15.011	Driving w/o Valid License (No SR-22 Req.)	AS 28.40.050(a)(b)
AS 28.15.131	License To Be Carried & Displayed	AS 28.40.050(a)(b)
AS 28.15.135(b)	Bail/Notice Dept. of Chg. of Name/Address	AS 28.40.050(a)(b)
AS 28.35.155	Oper. Veh. w/Studded/Chained Tires When Prohibited	AS 28.40.050(a)(b)
AS 28.35.180	Disobey Signal of Officer Regulating Traffic	AS 28.40.050(a)(b)
AS 28.35.245	Motorcycle Helmet Required for Minor Drivers	AS 28.40.050(a)(b)
AS 42.10.050	Oper. w/o Common/Contract Carrier Permit	AS 42.10.393
AS 42.10.113	Vehicle Identification Requirements	AS 42.10.393
AS 42.10.130	Oper. w/o Common/Contract Temp. Carrier Permit	AS 42.10.393
AS 42.10.240		AS 42.10.393

8. Presently courts issue bench warrants for defendants who fail to respond to a citation. Since bench warrants are not actively served on defendants in all court locations, including Anchorage, the result is a substantial number of defendants who do not respond. There would be an additional incentive for these defendants to respond if license or registration renewal was contingent on payment of all outstanding fines. What are the views of the department about seeking legislation or adopting internal procedures which would permit such action?
  
9. The administrative office plans to present to the supreme court a schedule which lists offenses numerically. The administrative office will also prepare the schedule with traffic offense listings by category (correctable/dismissible, mail-in bail forfeiture, mandatory court appearance and criminal). Is an alphabetical format desirable as well?

10. The supreme court has adopted a traffic bail forfeiture schedule for the Municipality of Anchorage and State of Alaska only. However, other municipalities (such as Ketchikan) use the state traffic bail schedule as a basis for listing bail forfeiture amounts on municipal citations, and simply annotate the state traffic schedule to reflect the analogous municipal provision. Is this practice acceptable to the department, or does the department take the position that separate schedules should be adopted by supreme court order? If the latter procedure is adopted, it is likely that the supreme court will ask the department to review proposed schedules for conformity to the state schedule.

Thank you for your assistance in resolving these issues.

Sincerely,



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ATTACH. . A  
TRAFFIC OFFENSES PROCESSED AS CRIMINAL CASES

<u>Statute/Regulation</u>	<u>Offense</u>	<u>Penalty Code</u>
AS 05.25.030(a)(b)	Fail/Report Watercraft Accident	AS 05.25.090
AS 05.25.060(a)	Reckless or Neg. Driving of Watercraft	AS 05.25.090
AS 05.30.100	Fail/Report Snow Vehicle Accident	AS 05.30.110
AS 28.10.471	Operating vehicle with suspended/revoked registration	AS 28.40.050(a)(b)
AS 28.10.493(a)	Illegal Transfer of Vehicle By Owner	AS 11.81.250(a)(5)
AS 28.10.493(b)	Illegal Transfer of Vehicle By Dealer	AS 11.81.250(a)(5)
AS 28.15.011	Driving without a valid license (SR-22 requirement)	AS 28.40.050(a)(b)
AS 28.15.041(b)	School Bus Driver Permit Required	AS 28.40.050(b)
AS 28.15.121(d)	Driving in violation of restricted license	AS 28.40.050(a)(b)
AS 28.15.281(a)	Unlawful use of driver's license	AS 28.40.050(a)(b)
AS 28.15.281(b)	Permitting unauthorized person to drive	AS 28.40.050(a)(b)
AS 28.15.291	Driving while license suspended/revoked	AS 28.15.291/ 28.35.230
AS 28.15.291	Driving in violation of limited operator's license	AS 28.15.291/ 28.35.230
AS 28.22.250	Falsification of Information Required Under AS 28.27.210-240	AS 28.22.250 Class A Misdemeanor
AS 28.35.026	Fail/Return Rental Vehicle	AS 28.35.026
AS 28.35.030	Driving under influence of intoxicating liquor/drugs	AS 28.35.030/ 28.15.181
AS 28.35.032	Refusal to submit to chemical test	AS 28.35.032/Misd. A schedule
AS 28.35.040	Reckless Driving	
AS 28.35.050(a)	Action of operator immediately after injury accident	AS 28.40.050(a)(b)/ 28.15.181
AS 28.35.050(b-c)	Action of operator immediately after property damage only accident	AS 28.40.050(a)(b)
AS 28.35.060(a)	Operator to give information and render assistance	AS 28.35.060(b)(c)/ 28.15.181
AS 28.35.060(c)	Failure to assist injured person	AS 28.35.060(b)(c)/ 28.15.181
AS 28.35.080	Failure to give immediate notice of accident	AS 28.40.050(a)(b)
AS 28.35.182(c)	Fail/Stop at Direction of Peace Officer	AS 28.25.182(c) Class B Misd.
AS 28.35.110(a)	Giving false information on accident report	AS 28.35.110(a)
AS 28.35.110(b)	Failure to report accident	AS 28.35.110(b)
AS 28.35.130	False report or destruction of evidence	AS 28.35.130
AS 28.35.135(a)	Making false statement on application	AS 28.40.050(a)(b)/ 28.15.181



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DIVISION OF  
MEASUREMENT STANDARDS

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Dear Mr. Swanson:

Oversize Enforcement Authority

The FHWA 1984 review of the Alaska Size and Weight Enforcement Program revealed that no legal authority exists in this state to issue citations for oversize loads. At that time we encouraged your Department to seek that authority from the Legislature. We are aware of your unsuccessful efforts to do that during the 1986 Legislative Session.

In the meantime, there has been a continuing record of damage to bridges and overpasses as a result of overhead collisions with oversize loads. The majority of these collisions occurred in the Central Region. The ADOT&PF estimates \$514,010 - \$664,010 damage to bridges from 1982 to date.

The cost to repair damaged structures is not eligible for federal reimbursement. These costs must be borne by the Alaska DOT&PF maintenance budget. In light of the financial distress Alaska faces, it is more important than ever to reduce the drain on limited state resources. The ability to write citations for oversize loads would be a method of enforcing the existing regulations.

Although FHWA still cannot participate in these repair costs, we strongly encourage you to once again seek that authority in the 1987 Legislative Session. We view this hole in the enforcement authority to be an obstacle to the effectiveness of the program.

Sincerely yours,

Barry F. Morehead  
Division Administrator

Sec. 42.30.350. ISSUANCE OF CITATIONS. (a) An employee of the Department of Commerce and Economic Development who is authorized by the commissioner to enforce the size, weight, and load limitations adopted by the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities under AS 19.10.060 may issue a citation to a person who violates,

(1) the terms of an overweight and/or oversize vehicle permit issued under AS 44.33.020 (25).

(2) the provisions of a regulation adopted under AS 44.33.020(25)'

(3) a weight load, or size limitation established under AS 19.10.060;

(4) the provisions for a regulation adopted under AS 19.10.060;

Sec. 42.30.351. FORM AND ISSUANCE OF CITATION. (a) A citation issued under this section must be in writing. A person receiving the citation is not required to sign a promise to appear in court.

(b) The time specified in the notice to appear on a citation issued under this section must be at least 15 days after the issuance of the citation, unless the person cited requests an earlier hearing.

(c) The commissioner is responsible for the issuance of books containing appropriate citations and shall maintain a record of each book and each citation contained in it. The commissioner shall require and retain a receipt for every book issued to an employee of the department designated by the commissioner to provide investigative service to enforce provisions of this chapter.

(d) An employee who issues a citation under this section shall deposit the original or a copy of the citation with a court having jurisdiction over the alleged offense. Upon its deposit with the court, the citation may be disposed of only by trial in the court or other official action taken by the magistrate, judge, or prosecutor. The employee who issued the citation may not dispose of it or copies of it or of the record of its issuance except as required under this subsection and (e) of this section.

(e) The commissioner shall require the return of a copy of every citation issued under this section and of all copies of every citation that has been spoiled or on which an entry has been made and not issued to an alleged violator. The commissioner shall also maintain in connection with every citation issued a record of the disposition of the charge by the court in which the original or copy of the citation was deposited.

(f) If the form of citation issued under this section includes the essential facts constituting the offense charged and is sworn to as required under the laws of this state for a complaint charging commission of the offense alleged in the citation, the citation when filed with a court having jurisdiction, is considered to be a lawful complaint for the purpose of prosecution.

(g) Unless the citation has been voided or otherwise dismissed by the magistrate, judge, or prosecutor, or bail has been forfeited under AS 42.30.351, a person who fails to appear in court to answer a citation issued under this section, regardless of the disposition of the charge for which the citation was issued, is guilty of a class B misdemeanor.

Sec. 42.30.352. BAIL FORFEITURE. (a) The supreme court shall specify by rule or order those violations that are appropriate for disposition without court appearance, and shall establish a schedule of bail amounts. The maximum bail forfeiture amount for an offense may not exceed the maximum fine specified by law for that offense. If the person who has been cited can dispose of the violation without court appearance, the issuing employee shall write on the citation the amount of bail forfeiture applicable to the violation.

(b) A person cited for a violation for which a bail forfeiture amount has been established under (a) of this section may, within 15 days after the date of the citation, mail or personally deliver to the clerk of the court in which the citation is filed by the employee

(1) the amount of bail indicated on the citation for that offense;  
and

(2) a copy of the citation indicating that the right to an appearance is waived, a plea of no contest is entered and the bail is forfeited..

(c) When the cited person has forfeited bail under (b) of this section, the court shall enter a judgment of conviction. Forfeiture of bail is a complete satisfaction for the violation. The clerk of the court accepting the bail forfeiture shall provide the offender with a receipt stating that fact.

(d) A cited person who fails to pay the bail forfeiture amount established under (a) of this section or to appear in court as required, is guilty of a class B misdemeanor.

(e) Notwithstanding other provisions of law, if a person cited for a violation for which a bail forfeiture amount has been established under (a) of this section appears in court and is found guilty, the court may not impose a penalty that exceeds the bail forfeiture amount for that offense established under (a) of this section.

Section 42.30.360. OFFENSES AND PENALTIES. (a) A person commits a class B misdemeanor and is punishable by a fine of not less than \$100.00 or more than \$1,000.00 if the person does one or more of the following acts:

(1) hinders or obstructs the commissioner or his designee in the performance of official duties under AS 44.30.020(25) or a regulation adopted under AS 44.30.020(25);

(2) violates a provision of an overweight or oversize vehicle permit issued under AS 44.33.020(25);

(3) violates a weight, load, or size limitation established under AS 19.10.060 or a regulation adopted under AS 19.05.020, AS 44.33.020(25).

(b) Notwithstanding the maximum fine for a violation provided under (a) of this section, the director shall impose on a person who violates a regulation or special permit governing the weight limit of a motor vehicle a maximum penalty of \$.05 for each pound of weight over the authorized weight limit for the vehicle.

BILL SHEFFIELD, GOVERNOR

Robert J. Sundberg  
Commissioner

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Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Karla:

I am answering on behalf of Colonel Kolivosky, your letter dated March 7, 1985, concerning confinement of truck loads.

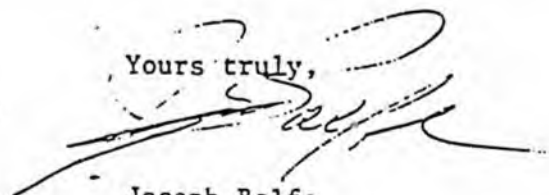
In checking AS:19.45.002, I note that there is no provision for a penalty for violation of any regulation promulgated under Title 19. In otherwords, there is a penalty if one violates the statute but 19.45.002 does not mention regulations. It appears to me that there is no penalty provision for any of 17 AAC regulations.

3 AAC 62.146 is not applicable for, as you pointed out, those regulations are no longer in effect since the abolition of the Alaska Transportation Commission.

In checking with the Alaska State Troopers, it was indicated that violations of the sort mentioned in Rep. Sam Cotten's letter are handled under 13 AAC 02.530 which is a regulation authorized under Title 28.

In conclusion, I don't think there is any question but that regulations in 17 AAC do not fall under any public safety regulation under Title 28, and as pointed out above, I question whether any 17 AAC regulation is enforceable.

Yours truly,



Joseph Balfe  
Assistant Attorney General  
for Law Enforcement

cc: Bruce Freitag  
D.O.T. Juneau

JB/lm

BILL SHEFFIELD, GOVERNOR

Robert J. Sundberg,  
Commissioner

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

DIVISION OF STATE TROOPERS

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Stephanie J. Cole  
Deputy Administrative Director  
Alaska Court System  
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Office of Administrative Director  
Alaska Court System

Dear Ms. Cole:

The following reply is written paragraph by paragraph in response to an inquiry from the court dated July 23, 1985 dealing primarily with a new bail forfeiture schedule.

1. Attachment "A" has been awarded the attached points based as nearly as possible on similar violations in the previously published schedule; (attached).
  2. The Department of Public Safety concurs that offenses formerly contained in 3 AAC 62 should not appear in the Revised Bail Forfeiture Schedule.
  3. Mr. Balfe, in the April 11, 1985 letter to Karla Forsythe was presenting the overall opinion of the State Troopers. At this time it is still appropriate to eliminate the Traffic Bail Forfeiture Schedule under 17 AAC from the update.
  4. (a) 13 AAC 40.030 (c)(2) does not exist. Unsafe vehicles are found in 13 AAC 04.001 through 04.009 and should still require a mandatory court appearance to insure that the cited unsafe condition has been corrected.  
  
(b) 13 AAC 02.545 (a) Drinking While Driving - should be mandatory court appearance. 13 AAC 04.240 (a)(d), Hazardous Material Transport - should be mandatory court appearance.
- \* Remove the (3) three 17 AAC violations from the update.

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5. The following recommendations cover the new statutory and regulating changes and coincide with the point recommendations in schedule "A".

AS 28.35.182(c) - Fail to stop at direction of peace officer-  
6 points - \$60.00 fine

AS 28.22.250 - Falsified information-  
4 points - \$40.00 fine

AS 28.05.095(a) - Fail to secure child-  
Mandatory court appearance

AS 28.05.095 - 1st and 2nd or subsequent offense-  
Mandatory court appearance

AS 28.05.095(c) - Seat belt removal-  
Mandatory court appearance

13 AAC 06.110 is error, section is 13 AAC 06.010-  
6 points - \$60.00 fine

13 AAC 06.020(a) - Refuse to submit to inspection/test-  
Mandatory court appearance

13 AAC 06.020(b) - Operating after directions to repair-  
Mandatory court appearance

13 AAC 06.040(a) - Fail to stop and submit to roadside inspection-  
Mandatory court appearance

13 AAC 08.085(a) - Fail to submit report within 10 days-  
2 points - \$20.00 fine

13 AAC 08.085(d) - Fail to submit supplemental report-  
2 points - \$20.00 fine

13 AAC - 08.150 - Driving vehicle without proper class license-  
4 points - \$40.00 fine

AS 28.15.041(b) - School bus permit required-  
4 points - \$40.00 fine

\* Remove (3) three 17 AAC violations from updated schedule.

Please note that Mr. Bill Brown and Jay Dulany have previously provided the appropriate processing code and will continue to do so.

6. In the motor vehicle laws of Alaska, Alaska Statute Title 28, no 1985 changes have been published. A full review of the current edition published by the Michie Company in 1985 indicate the most recent addition to Title 28 came through the session laws of 1983. Future traffic law will have to be identified and incorporated into the Revised Bail and Point Schedule at that time.
7.
  - a. The Department whole-heartedly supports the proposed legislative change to AS 28.35.040 (b) - Reckless Driving.
  - b. The answer is yes, AS 28.40.050(b) does provide for suspension or revocation, in addition to offenses listed in AS 28.15.181. Reference should be made to AS 28.15.161.
  - c. AS 28.35.030 - Operating a Vehicle, Aircraft or Watercraft While Intoxicated covers the watercraft now and 05.25.060 (b) should be repealed.
  - d. Please note that AS 28.15.220 was repealed in 1978, but that Negligent Driving, AS 28.35.045 (4)(b) is a lesser included offense of Reckless Driving, and as such is already incorporated in AS 28.15.181, court suspensions, revocations, and limitations and therefore, no statutory charge is required.
  - e. If by classifying bailable misdemeanors as infractions, we reduce those incidents where defendants may demand costly jury trials, and subsequently also be afforded an attorney at public cost, we still promote a prosecution for the listed traffic offenses, the Department still supports the move, in all, (24) twenty four violations.
8. The Department supports tying license and registration renewals to the payment of all outstanding fines. By attaching this requisite to both driver's license and registration, many outstanding warrant fines will be paid, as well as getting the individual to appear in court to answer to the Failure to Appear Warrant.

9. Alphabetizing the schedule will assist all police agencies in more easily locating the appropriate violation and assessing points and fines to citations. This allows the motoring public to get on with their business more expeditiously and allows the officer to return to patrol or investigative duties that much sooner. It will save us valuable time.
10. Rather than issuing separate Bail Schedules for other municipalities, fines should be the same statewide. The schedule adopted for both the Municipality of Anchorage and State of Alaska should be used as the role model for all other cities in Alaska.

Sincerely,

*Michael C. Kolivosky*  
Colonel Michael C. Kolivosky  
Director  
Alaska State Troopers

ATTACHMENT A  
TRAFFIC OFFENSES PROCESSED AS CRIMINAL CASES

<u>Statute/Regulation</u>	<u>Offense</u>	<u>Penalty Code</u>
AS 05.25.030(a)(b)	Fail/Report Watercraft Accident	AS 05.25.090
AS 05.25.060(a)	Reckless or Neg. Driving of Watercraft	AS 05.25.090
AS 05.30.100	Fail/Report Snow Vehicle Accident	AS 05.30.110
AS 28.10.471	Operating vehicle with suspended/revoked registration	AS 28.40.050(a)(b)
AS 28.10.493(a)	Illegal Transfer of Vehicle By Owner	AS 11.81.250(a)(5)
AS 28.10.493(b)	Illegal Transfer of Vehicle By Dealer	AS 11.81.250(a)(5)
AS 28.15.011	Driving without a valid license (SR-22 requirement)	AS 28.40.050(a)(b)
AS 28.15.041(b)	School Bus Driver Permit Required	AS 28.40.050(b)
AS 28.15.121(d)	Driving in violation of restricted license	AS 28.40.050(a)(b)
AS 28.15.281(a)	Unlawful use of driver's license	AS 28.40.050(a)(b)
AS 28.15.281(b)	Permitting unauthorized person to drive	AS 28.40.050(a)(b)
AS 28.15.291	Driving while license suspended/revoked	AS 28.15.291/4 28.35.230 4
AS 28.15.291	Driving in violation of limited operator's license	AS 28.15.291/2 28.35.230
AS 28.22.250	Falsification of Information Required Under AS 28.27.210-240	AS 28.22.250 Class A Misdemeanor
AS 28.35.026	Fail/Return Rental Vehicle	AS 28.35.026
AS 28.35.030	Driving under influence of intoxicating liquor/drugs	AS 28.35.030/10, 75 28.15.181
AS 28.35.032	Refusal to submit to chemical test	AS 28.35.032/Misd. 10, 75 A schedule
AS 28.35.040	Reckless Driving	
AS 28.35.050(a)	Action of operator immediately after injury accident	AS 28.40.050(a)(b)/ 28.15.181
AS 28.35.050(b-c)	Action of operator immediately after property damage only accident	AS 28.40.050(a)(b)
AS 28.35.060(a)	Operator to give information and render assistance	AS 28.35.060(b)(c)/11, 75 28.15.181
AS 28.35.060(c)	Failure to assist injured person	AS 28.35.060(b)(c)/11, 75 28.15.181
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AS 28.35.182(c)	Fail/Stop at Direction of Peace Officer	AS 28.25.182(c) 11, 75 Class B Misd.
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# ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

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## Senate Transportation Committee

### MEMORANDUM

TO: Senate Labor and Commerce Committee Member

FPOM: Senator Lloyd Jones, Chairman *LJ*  
Senate Transportation Committee

DATE: March 9, 1987

SUBJECT: Senate Bill 146, relating to weights and measures.

The Senate Transportation Committee has introduced this legislation to implement penalty provisions providing for a traffic bail forfeiture schedule. The authorizing regulations were eliminated when the Alaska Transportation Commission was abolished. Recently, because of no statutory authority the Alaska Supreme Court removed the provisions from the traffic bail forfeiture schedule.

Normally, omission from the bail schedule would result in a mandatory court appearance. However, without a penalty there is no basis for judicial officers hearing these matters to sentence defendants.

The Alaska Court System in a February 25, 1987 letter written to the respective chairmen of the Senate and House Judiciary Committees stated there is a clear need for legislation in this area. The letter further stated, the Legislature could solve this problem by adopting a specific penalty for violation of these regulations. Senate Bill 146 would provide those penalties.

Given the imminence of breakup and the inability, under current regulations, of the Department of Commerce to enforce weight restrictions, it is important that this bill be given expeditious treatment. I encourage your support of this legislation.

**STATE OF ALASKA 1987 LEGISLATIVE SESSION  
FISCAL NOTE**

**REQUEST:** \_\_\_\_\_

Bill Version : SB 146

Publish Date : \_\_\_\_\_

Revision Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: Act relating to Weights and Measures

Agency Affected: Commerce & Econ. Dev.

BRU: Consumer Protection

Sponsor: Senate Transportation

Requestor: \_\_\_\_\_

Components: Measurement Standards

**EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)**

OPERATING	FY 87	FY 88	FY 89	FY 90	FY 91	FY 92
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
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MISCELLANEOUS						
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GENERAL FUND						
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
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**POSITIONS:**

FULL-TIME	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
PART-TIME						
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**ANALYSIS :** (Attach a separate page if necessary)

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Date: March 9, 1987

Approved by Commissioner: J. Anthony Smith, Commissioner

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Agency: Department of Commerce and Economic Development

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February 25, 1987

Senator Jay Kerttula  
Chair, Senate Judiciary Committee  
Alaska State Legislature  
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Representative John Sund  
Chair, House Judiciary Committee  
Alaska State Legislature  
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Dear Senator Kerttula and Representative Sund:

The supreme court recently updated the Alaska Traffic Bail Forfeiture Schedule for the first time since it was adopted by the court in 1975. In the process of preparing the schedule for review by the court, administrative staff discovered that there are no penalty provisions in the Alaska Statutes which would permit enforcement of a variety of regulations relating to size, height and weight of commercial vehicles. Although these offenses previously were listed on the bail schedule with a bail forfeiture amount, it appears the offenses should not have appeared on the schedule because of the lack of a penalty section. The court system brought this concern to the attention of the Department of Public Safety, which concurred with the court/staff analysis.

Based on this information, the supreme court decided to omit these offenses from the bail schedule. Normally, omission would result in a mandatory court appearance (rather than a mail-in payment). However, without a penalty there is no basis for judicial officers hearing these matters to sentence defendants.

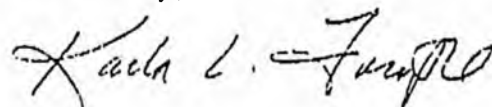
The new schedule was made available to State Troopers several weeks ago, and troopers on the street became aware that this provision was no longer listed on the schedule. As a result, troopers have inquired of administrative staff and also of court system traffic clerks whether or not the court system will accept citations for these offenses and what the disposition will be.

Senator Jay Kerttula, et al  
February 25, 1987  
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Although the court system usually does not suggest substantive measures to the Legislature for its consideration, there is a clear need for legislation in this area. To the best of my knowledge there is no controversy surrounding this measure. Since the court system is in the best position to provide the Legislature with background material on these offenses, I have attached several memoranda outlining the development of this problem and the relationship between the relevant statutes and regulations. Although the court system is not in a position to propose specific language, it appears that the Legislature could solve this problem by adopting a specific penalty for violation of these regulations.

Thank you for your consideration of this problem. I will be glad to provide additional information or answer any questions from you or other committee members.

Sincerely,



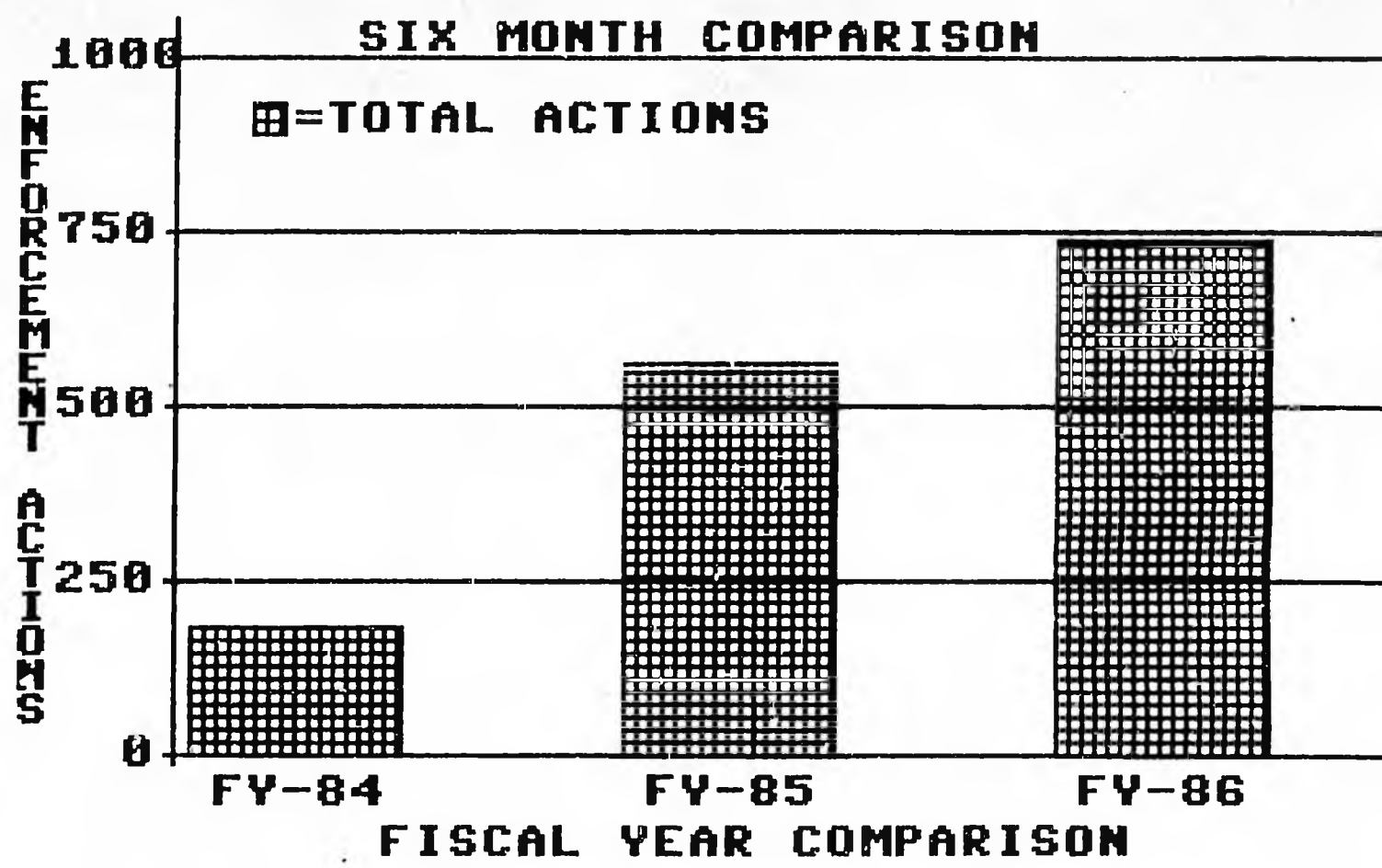
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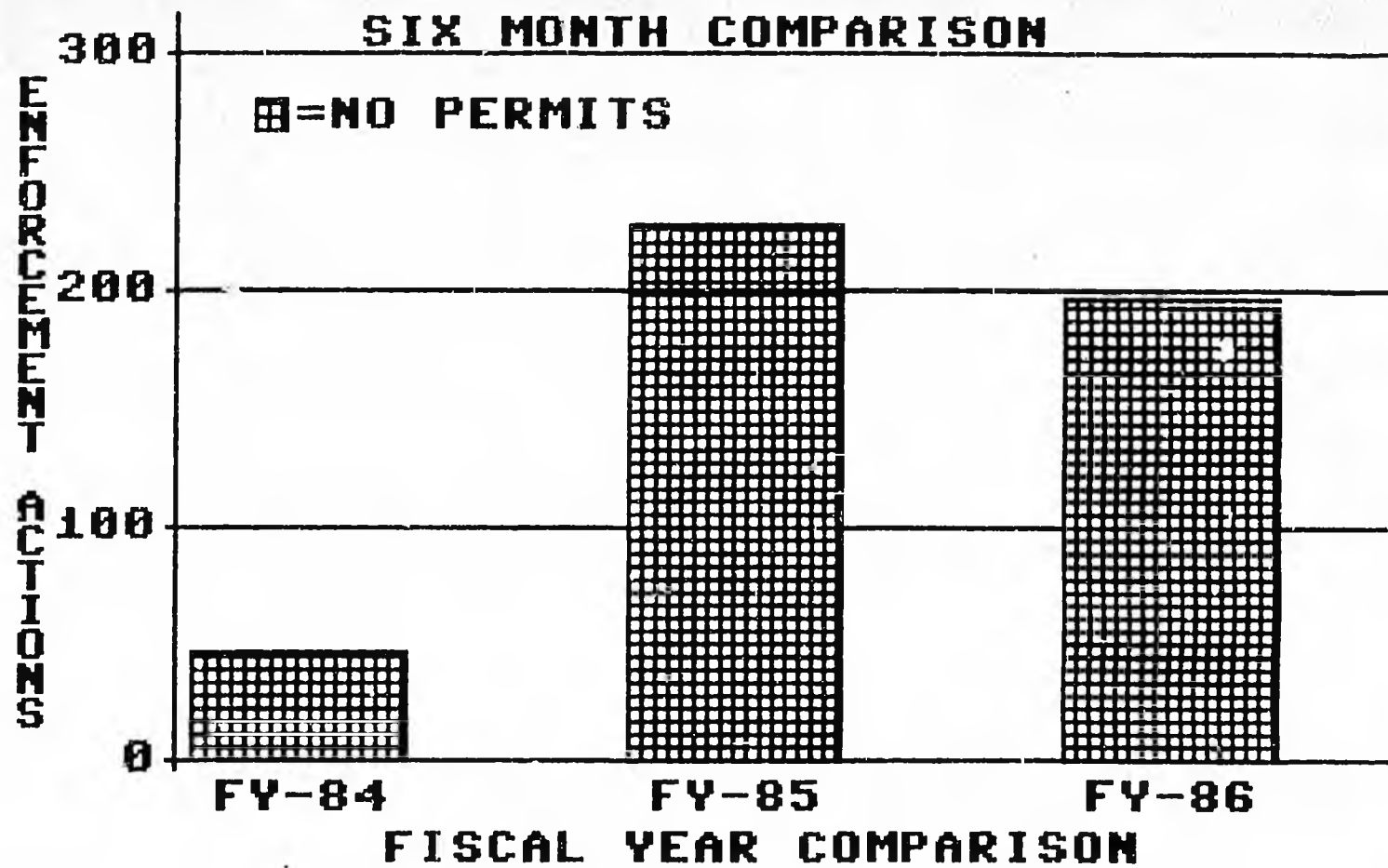
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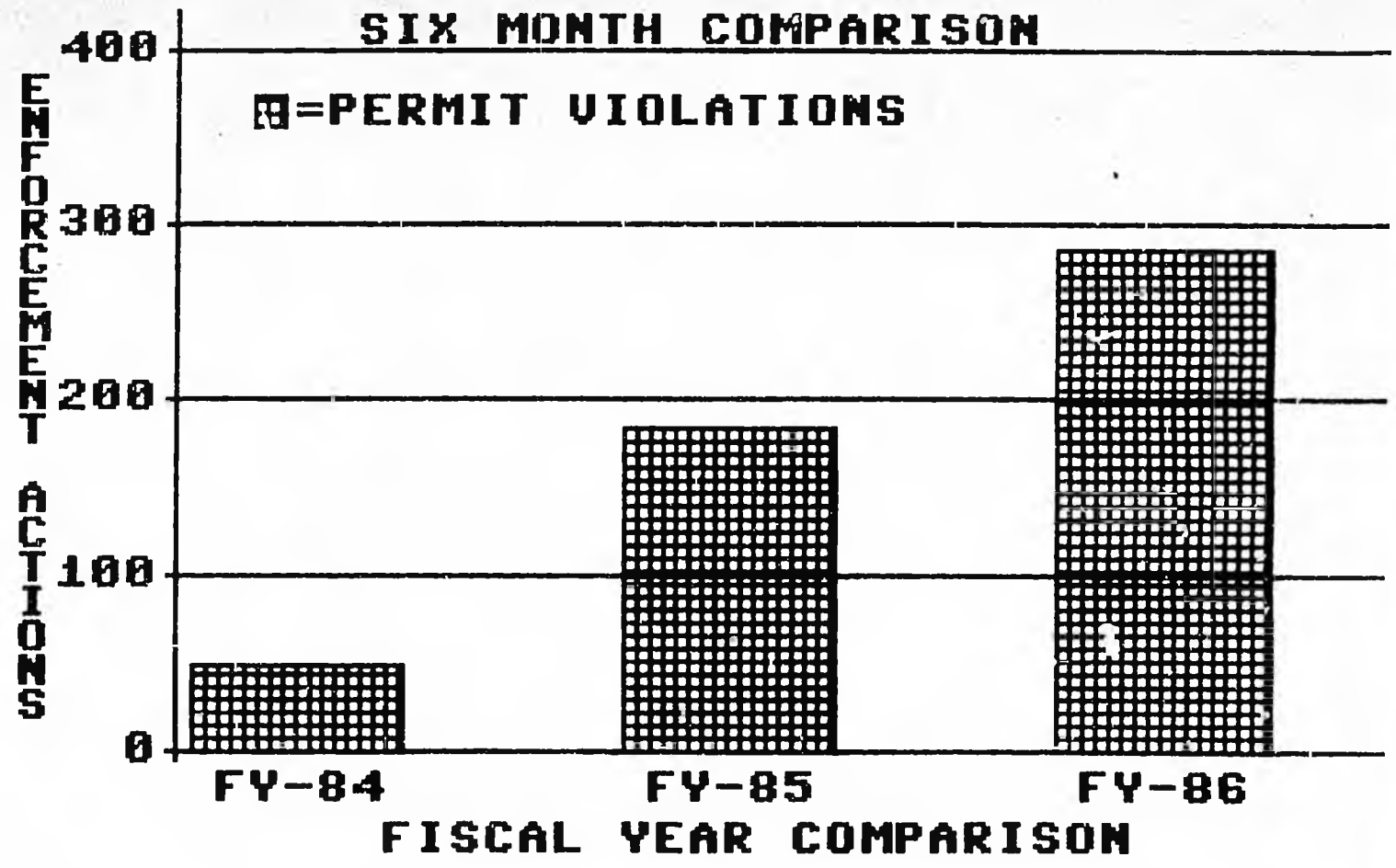
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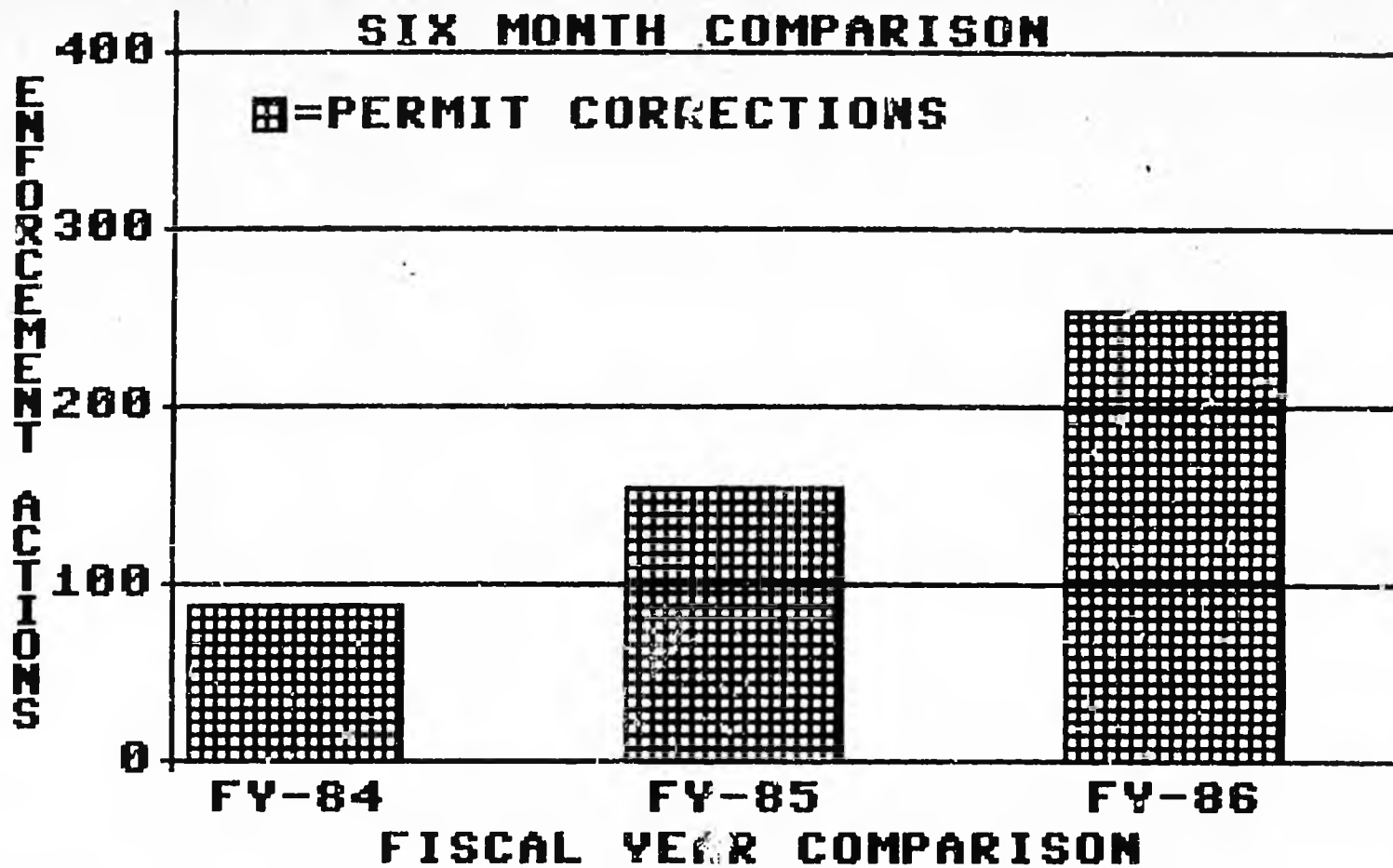
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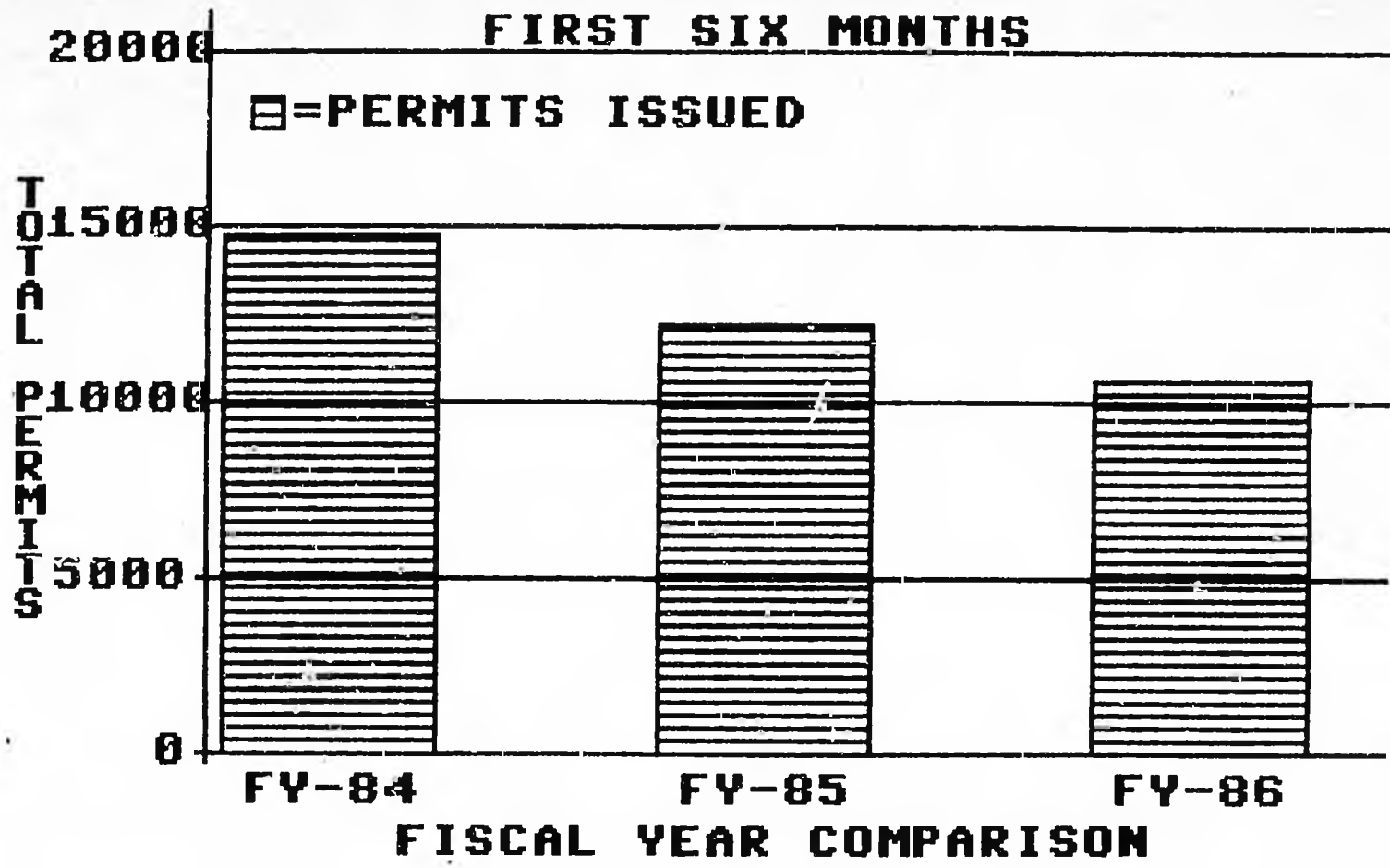
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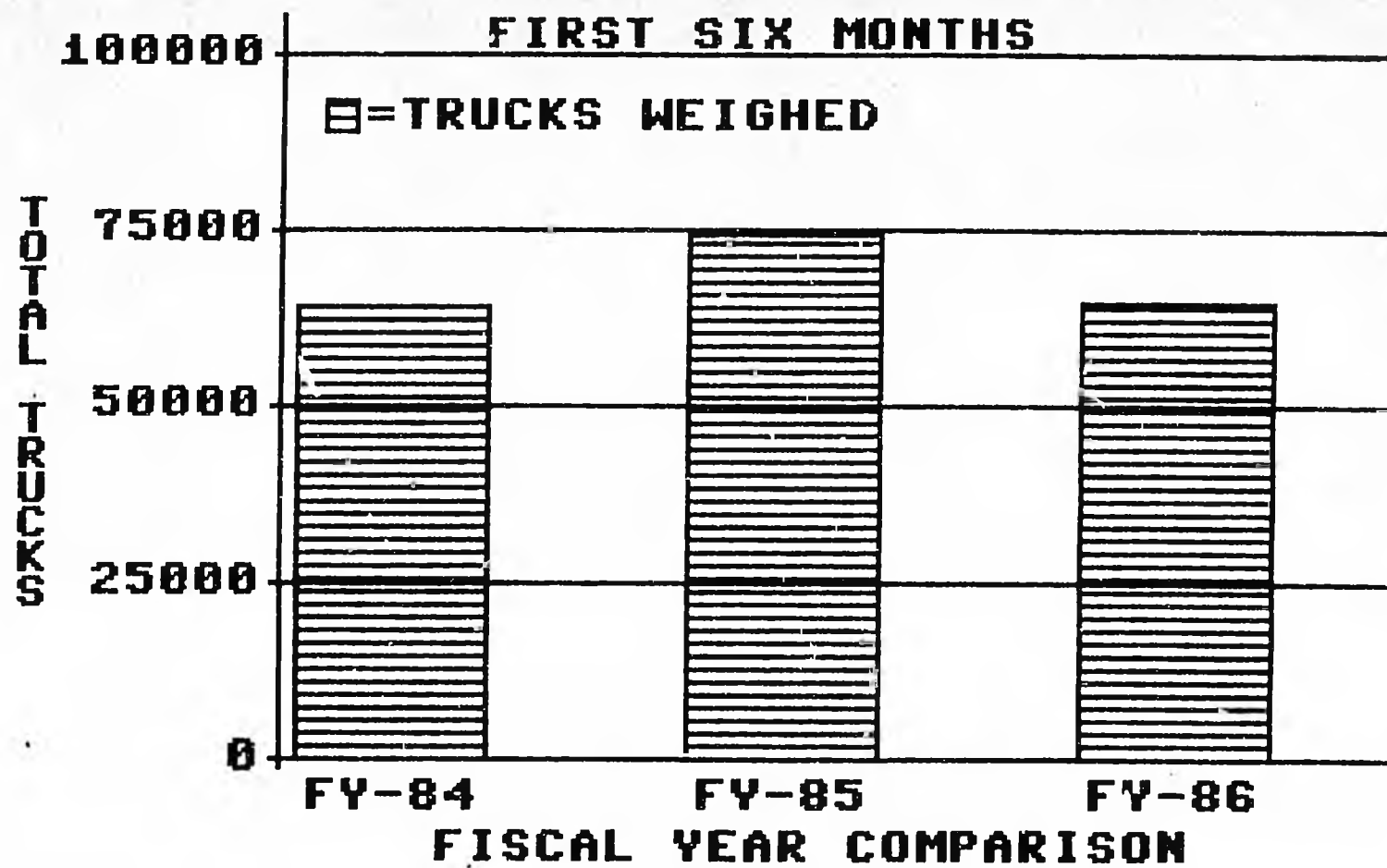












BILL NO: CSSB 146(L&C)

DATE: 4/14/87

TITLE: "An Act relating to weights and measures; and providing for an effective date."

CONTACT: James D. Vaden  
Deputy Commissioner  
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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Provides authority for certain employees of the Department of Commerce and Economic Development, in addition to peace officers, to enforce specific commercial vehicle regulations; establishes procedures, and provides an effective date.

This proposed legislation would provide authority for certain employees of the Department of Commerce and Economic Development to issue citations for size, weight, and load violations on vehicles, as well as violation of provisions of oversize and/or overweight permits.

This legislation corrects a deficiency in Title 19 and provides for penalties for violation of overweight and oversize vehicles as well as violation of permit limitation.

Sec. 45.75.131 may be redundant and may contradict AS 12.25.200.

The Department of Public Safety does not feel it should be placed in the position of determining who can be employed by another executive department. Nor should the Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety be in a position to determine the individuals in another executive agency authorized to enforce the statutory responsibilities of that agency.

Proposed Amendments:

AS 45.75.131 Change the Commissioner of Public Safety to the Commissioner of Commerce & Economic Development.

Add to Sec 45.75.131: (4) equipment violations detected at scale house operation.

Delete Sec. 45.75.131(b) through (g).

Change paragraph (4) to paragraph (b); add paragraph (c) which states a citation issued under this Section be in accordance with AS 12.25.200.

The Division of Alaska State Troopers opposes this legislation, however, would support with amendments.

*Arthur English*  
Arthur English  
Commissioner

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Bill Version: CSSB 146 (L&C)

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Revision Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency Affected: Public Safety

Title: "An Act relating to weights and measures."

BRU: Alaska State Troopers

Sponsor: Transportation Committee

Components: Detachments & CIB

Requestor: Senate Labor & Commerce

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

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TOTAL OPERATING		0	0	0	0	0
CAPITAL						
REVENUE						

FUNDING:: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUNDS		0	0	0	0	0
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
TOTAL						

POSITIONS:

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

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

No fiscal impact is anticipated.

Prepared by: Francis C. Allan  
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Approved by Commissioner: \_\_\_\_\_  
Agency: Public Safety

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