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No. 1

Bill Version: SB 58

STATE OF ALASKA
1995 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO.

(S) Publish Date: 2/15/95

Revision Date: _____

Title: Use of Title "Industrial Hygienist"

Department Affected: Labor

BRU: Labor Standards & Safety

Component: _____

Sponsor: Senator Leman

Occupational Safety and Health

Requestor: Senate RES

COMPONENT SERIAL NO. 970

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES:

(Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 96	FY 97	FY 98	FY 99	FY 00	FY 01
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

CAPITAL						
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CHANGE IN REVENUE						
FUND SOURCE #						

FUNDING:

(Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipt						
1006 GF/MHTIA						
Other						
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

Estimate of current year (FY95) impact: \$ None

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

Senate Bill No. 58 would restrict the use of the title "industrial hygienist" and related titles and initials. The use of such titles would require college credentials and certification.

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Agency: Department of Labor

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HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

(7)
 Date Referred: April 7, 1995 FURTHER REFERRALS: Labor & Commerce

Date of Committee Action: 5/2/95

The HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES Committee considered: SB 58 am

SENATE BILL NO. 58 am USE OF TITLE "INDUSTRIAL HYGIENIST"

"An Act restricting the use of the title 'industrial hygienist' and related titles and initials."

recommends it be replaced the same title
 with the following committee substitute _____ a new title

additional referral to _____ Committee
 attached amendment(s)

ADOPTS: _____ Letter of Intent

ATTACHES NEW FISCAL NOTE(S): (Dept) _____ APPROVES PREVIOUS: (Dept/Date) _____
 fiscal note(s) _____ fiscal note(s) _____

zero fiscal note(s) _____ zero fiscal note(s) Labor 2/15/95

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SPONSOR STATEMENT SB58

I introduced SB58 at the request of members of the Midnight Sun Section of the American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA). According to this organization 15 people in the state are presently certified industrial hygienists.

AIHA recommends and supports adoption of legislative and regulatory language to provide "title protection" to the profession of Industrial Hygiene. Title protection defines titles and definitions used by the profession, establishes its legal recognition and protects Industrial Hygiene (IH) titles. These titles may be used only by those who meet the criteria outlined in the definitions.

An individual who does not meet IH criteria may practice within the scope of the meaning of industrial hygiene, so long as the individual does not use the title, initials, or represents herself/himself to the public as an Industrial Hygienist, Industrial Hygienist in Training (IHIT), or Certified Industrial Hygienist (CIH).

According to the AIHA., California, Illinois and Tennessee have already passed similar legislation. Many other states are considering industrial hygiene title protection legislation.

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Dear Senator Leman:

Thank you for taking the time to consider sponsoring the Industrial Hygiene Title Registration Act. This will summarize the issues and introduce you to our organization.

The Midnight Sun section of the American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA) is comprised of members of the industrial hygiene community in Alaska, as well as persons interested in health and safety issues. National AIHA has over 11,000 members in 78 sections, including the Midnight Sun section here in Alaska. An accompanying brochure will describe AIHA in greater detail.

We wish for the State to recognize our profession by enacting the Title Registration Act. Industrial hygiene professionals can be a resource for the legislature in delving into health and safety issues affecting the workplace in any future legislation, and we want you to be aware that we exist and can be of service to you.

We want to ensure that State and local agencies do not "write us out" of our profession in any regulations that they may promulgate in the future. This almost happened in the past in other States, such as California; when a regulation covering asbestos abatement required the signature of specified professionals on any abatement plans; the agency involved did not know of the existence of industrial hygienists, and thus excluded our profession from performing our safety functions in California until legislative relief was had (a similar Title Registration bill).

We also have evidence that persons in Alaska without the credentials to do so, have represented themselves as CIHs (Certified Industrial Hygienists). When a business person contracts with a consultant, there should be a mechanism for assuring that business person that s/he is getting what is being paid for. In Alaska, today, anyone can call themselves an industrial hygienist or Certified Industrial Hygienist and there is no way to stop that person from doing so, even when found out!

These issues are not unique to Alaska. There is now a nation-wide push to enact similar legislation in all 50 States. Twenty-six States have either passed such bills or are considering them in their next session. The Midnight Sun section of AIHA hopes that Alaska will not be one of the last States to pass a Title Registration Act.

We hope that we have given you sufficient facts upon which to base a decision to sponsor this Act. If you need additional information, we will be only too happy to work with you, including travelling to Juneau during hearings, or arranging for a conference call with the National AIHA Government Affairs office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Martin H. Finkel". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Martin H. Finkel, CIH
President

Protecting People

Industrial hygienists are scientists and engineers committed to protecting the health and safety of people in the workplace and the community. Industrial hygiene is considered a "science," but it is also an art that involves judgment, creativity and human interaction.

The goal of the industrial hygienist is to keep workers, their families, and the community healthy and safe. They play a vital part in ensuring that federal, state, and local laws and regulations are followed in the work environment.

Typical roles of the industrial hygienist include:

- Investigating and examining the workplace for hazards and potential dangers
- Making recommendations on improving the safety of workers and the surrounding community
- Conducting scientific research to provide data on possible harmful conditions in the workplace
- Developing techniques to anticipate and control potentially dangerous situations in the workplace and the community
- Training and educating the community about job-related risks
- Advising government officials and participating in the development of regulations to ensure the health and safety of workers and their families
- Ensuring that workers are properly following health and safety procedures

A Profession

Dedicated to Protecting People
in the Workplace and the Community

Industrial Hygienists Work With The Issues That Concern Us All

Industrial hygienists deal with the health and safety challenges facing people everywhere. Typical issues include:

- Evaluating and controlling environmental lead exposure
- Indoor air quality (Sick Building Syndrome, second-hand tobacco smoke)
- Emergency response planning and community right-to-know
- Occupational disease (AIDS in the workplace, tuberculosis, silicosis)
- Potentially hazardous agents such as asbestos, pesticides and radon gas
- Cumulative Trauma Disorders (Repetitive Stress Injuries, Carpal Tunnel Syndrome)
- Radiation (electromagnetic fields, microwaves)
- Reproductive health hazards in the workplace
- Setting limits on exposure to chemical and physical agents
- Detection and control of potential occupational hazards such as noise, radiation and illumination
- Hazardous waste management

Applying "Good Science" to Make the Workplace and Community Safe and Healthy

Industrial hygienists are devoted to achieving and maintaining high professional standards. To meet this goal, the American Board of Industrial Hygiene was created by the American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA) in 1961 to set standards and promote certification of industrial hygienists. Certified Industrial Hygienists (CIHs) are recognized for their expertise after fulfilling a rigorous qualification process including a two-day long examination. AIHA administers certification points through continuing education programs that help CIHs remain current on the many diverse issues addressed by industrial hygienists.

AIHA: The Essential Source

AIHA is the source of information for industrial hygiene issues. Professionals working in occupational health and safety turn to the association to help them achieve their career goals and to bring together the common concerns of the profession. AIHA gives its members a voice so that the media, the government and the community are aware of the many occupational health and safety issues. AIHA also acts as the essential source for anyone who needs information on the topics that industrial hygienists work with, whether it be lead exposure, asbestos abatement or other issues that industrial hygienists face daily.

AIHA is the Essential Source for:

- The best information about current trends in occupational and environmental health
- Educational and resource materials through technical publications and continuing education programs
- The latest scientific research and technology from AIHA's more than 30 technical committees
- Prestigious laboratory accreditation and proficiency testing programs for qualified laboratories

AIHA Laboratory Accreditation Program: Committed to Quality

Laboratory accreditation from AIHA is a seal of approval that industrial hygiene labs testing for lead, asbestos, formaldehyde and other possible toxins are achieving and maintaining high levels of professional performance. AIHA's rigorous accreditation program examines labs on a variety of stringent criteria including lab facilities' personnel, equipment, quality assurance practices and analytical methods. Site visits of labs are conducted to verify compliance.

A Diverse and Growing Membership

Founded in 1939, AIHA has grown to become the largest international association serving the needs of occupational and environmental scientists and engineers practicing industrial hygiene in industry, government, labor, academic institutions, and independent organizations. AIHA is a non-profit organization with more than 11,000 members and 78 local chapters. The members of AIHA are highly educated professionals; 98% of AIHA members are college graduates, 54% have master's degrees and 13% have doctoral degrees.

The American Industrial Hygiene Conference & Exposition

AIHA cosponsors the American Industrial Hygiene Conference & Exposition, the largest occupational and environmental health meeting in the world. The annual conference draws more than 10,000 occupational health and safety experts from all over the globe to discuss and debate the latest issues in technical sessions, roundtables and forums. The conference, which includes a world-class exhibition, also enables industrial hygienists to study and advance their careers by offering an array of professional development courses.

Also available from AIHA:

- "Is Lead a Problem in My House?" informational brochure
- CareerWorks educational pamphlet for those interested in an industrial hygiene career
- Information on AIHA's technical committees
- Professional Development information
- AIHA Publications and Information Catalog
- Information on the annual American Industrial Hygiene Conference & Exposition
- Employment Services for members and employers
- AIHA Membership information
- AIHA Laboratory Services information

For any of the above or additional brochures, contact AIHA Support Services.



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SUBJECT OF MEETING:
 SB 58. USE OF TITLE
 "INDUSTRIAL
 Hygienist"

DATE: MAY 2

PLACE: Capitol Room 106

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