

HB

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To: Representative Andrew Halcro, Co-chairman Community and Regional Affairs

From: Representative Tom Brice 

Date: January 19, 1999

Re: HB 19: Access to Curb Cuts and Ramps

I respectfully request that this bill be scheduled for a hearing in your committee.
Attached are all of the pertinent backup materials requested.

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Representative Tom Brice Sponsor statement for House Bill 19

Currently there are more than 40 million Americans that have some kind of physical, sensory, cognitive, or mental disability. In Alaska we have over 87,000 disabled citizens. These numbers tell why the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 were enacted. These two acts were established to ensure all citizens of the United States equal unobstructed access to employment, state and local government, transportation, public accommodation, and telecommunications.

HB 19 would give state law enforcement officers the authority to issue \$100 citations to governmental entities and private businesses that fail to maintain pedestrian ramps and curb cuts on their property. The intent of House Bill 19 is to help our disabled community move another step closer to clear and equal access in Alaska.





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To: Andrew Halcro, Co-chairman Community and Regional Affairs Committee

From: Representative Tom Brice

Date: January 25, 1999

Re: Sectional Analysis for HB 19 Access to Curb Cuts and Ramps

Section 1 Amends statute 12.25.190 (c) to exclude certain citations from the written promise requirement list. A written promise requirement means when a person is cited for a crime the person shall give a written promise to appear in court by signing at least one copy of the written citation prepared by a peace officer. The officer must deliver a copy of the citation back to the person. Citations excluded from this list include motor vehicle, traffic, fish and game, state parks and recreational facilities and with this legislation access to curb cuts and ramps.

Section 2 Adds a new section AS 18.35.400

- (A) Explains that governmental entities and a person engaged in business shall remove ice and snow from access ramps and curb cuts on their facilities as is necessary to maintain the ramps in a safe and usable condition during normal hours of operations.
- (B) Explains that a state agency or municipality shall remove ice and snow from access ramps and curb cuts on their facilities as is necessary to maintain the ramps in a safe and usable condition.
- (C) Contains the pertinent definitions in this section.
- (D) AS 18.35.400 Explains the penalty for this citation and what constitutes an affirmative defense to a prosecution for this citation.
- (E) AS 18.35.410 Addresses issuing citations.
- (F) AS 18.35.415 defines violation.

