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

THE ACT FOLLOWS ON PAGE 1, LINE 9

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* Section 1. AS 09.17 is amended by adding a new section to read:

Sec. 09.17.100. CIVIL LIABILITY OF ZOOS. (a) Except as provided in (b) of this section, a person who owns or operates a zoo is strictly liable for injury to a person or property if the injury is caused by an animal owned by or in the custody of the zoo.

(b) A person who owns or operates a zoo is not strictly liable as provided in (a) of this section if

(1) the animal that caused the injury was within the animal's normal place of confinement at the time the injury occurred;

(2) the zoo owner or operator had posted signs at prominent places within the zoo, including at each entrance, warning that the liability of the zoo for injuries caused by animals within their normal place of confinement is limited by law; and

(3) the enclosure within which the animal was confined at the time of the injury was constructed and maintained in a manner that prevents a person who exercises ordinary care customary for a person of similar age, intelligence, and experience from contacting the animal or entering the enclosure.