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

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2 of a minor when property is destroyed by the minor, and to recovery from a minor's
3 permanent fund dividend for injury or damage caused by the minor.

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5 * Section 1. AS 34.50.020(a) is amended to read:

6 (a) A person, municipal corporation, association, village, school district, or
7 religious or charitable organization, incorporated or unincorporated, may recover
8 damages in a civil action in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 [\$2,000] and court costs
9 [,] from either parent, [OR] both parents, or the legal guardian [OR PERSON
10 HAVING THE LEGAL CUSTODY] of an unemancipated minor under the age of 18
11 years [,] who, as a result of a knowing or intentional act, [MALICIOUSLY OR
12 WILFULLY] destroys real or personal property belonging to the person, municipal
13 corporation, association, village, school district, or religious or charitable organization.
14 However, for purposes of this subsection, recovery in damages shall be
15 apportioned by the court between the parents or between the parents and legal

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1 guardian, or both, without regard to legal custody but with due consideration for
2 the actual care and custody of the minor provided by the parents or legal
3 guardian.

4 * Sec. 2. AS 34.50.020 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

5 (c) A parent or, if any, a legal guardian of an unemancipated minor under the
6 age of 18 years who is a runaway or missing minor is not liable under (a) of this
7 section for the acts of the minor that are committed by the minor after a parent or, if
8 any, a legal guardian of the minor has made a report to a law enforcement agency, as
9 authorized by AS 47.10.141(a), that the minor has run away or is missing. In this
10 subsection, "runaway or missing minor" means a minor who a parent or legal guardian
11 of the minor reasonably believes is absent from the minor's residence for the purpose
12 of evading a parent or the legal guardian of the minor, or who is otherwise missing
13 from the minor's usual place of abode without the consent of a parent or the legal
14 guardian of the minor.

15 * Sec. 3. AS 43.23.065(b) is amended to read:

16 (b) An exemption is not available under this section for permanent fund
17 dividends taken to satisfy

18 (1) child support obligations required by court order or decision of the
19 child support enforcement agency under AS 25.27.140 - 25.27.220;

20 (2) court ordered restitution under AS 12.55.045 - 12.55.051, 12.55.100,
21 or AS 47.10.080(b)(4);

22 (3) claims on defaulted scholarship loans under AS 43.23.067;

23 (4) court ordered fines;

24 (5) writs of execution under AS 09.35 of a judgment that is entered

25 (A) against a minor in a civil action to recover damages [;
26 RECOVERY UNDER THIS SUBPARAGRAPH IS LIMITED TO \$2,000] and
27 court costs [, AND MAY BE OBTAINED ONLY WHEN THE JUDGMENT
28 IS BASED UPON

29 (i) AN ACT OF THE MINOR THAT IS DEFINED
30 AS A CRIME AGAINST A PERSON UNDER AS 33.30.901, THAT
31 INJURED THE PLAINTIFF, AND FOR WHICH THE MINOR WAS

1 ADJUDICATED A DELINQUENT OR CONVICTED AS AN ADULT;
2 OR

3 (ii) THE MINOR'S INTENTIONAL OR KNOWING
4 INJURY OF REAL OR PERSONAL PROPERTY OF THE
5 PLAINTIFF];

6 (B) under AS 34.50.020 against the parent, parents, or legal
7 guardian [, OR PERSON HAVING THE LEGAL CUSTODY] of an
8 unemancipated minor;

9 (6) a debt owed by an eligible individual to an agency of the state,
10 unless the debt is contested and an appeal is pending, or the time limit for filing an
11 appeal has not expired.