



# LAWS OF ALASKA

2002

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CSHB 243(JUD)

**Chapter No.**  
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## AN ACT

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

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3 \* **Section 1.** AS 11.41.445(b) is amended to read:

4 (b) In a prosecution under AS 11.41.410 - 11.41.440, whenever a provision of  
5 law defining an offense depends upon a victim's being under a certain age, it is an  
6 affirmative defense that, at the time of the alleged offense, the defendant

7 (1) reasonably believed the victim to be that age or older; and

8 (2) undertook reasonable measures to verify that the victim was  
9 that age or older [, UNLESS THE VICTIM WAS UNDER 13 YEARS OF AGE AT  
10 THE TIME OF THE ALLEGED OFFENSE].