



# LAWS OF ALASKA

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HB 52

**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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2 traumatized by graphic evidence or testimony.

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4 \* **Section 1.** AS 12.45 is amended by adding a new section to article 1 to read:

5 **Sec. 12.45.018. Juror counseling following graphic evidence or testimony.**

6 (a) The trial judge may offer not more than 10 hours of post-trial psychological  
7 counseling, without charge, to a juror or an alternate juror who serves on a trial jury in  
8 a trial involving extraordinarily graphic, gruesome, or emotional evidence or  
9 testimony.

10 (b) The counseling offered under (a) of this section applies only to a juror or  
11 alternate juror who serves on a trial jury for a trial involving the following offenses:

- 12 (1) murder under AS 11.41.100 and 11.41.110;
- 13 (2) manslaughter under AS 11.41.120;
- 14 (3) criminally negligent homicide under AS 11.41.130;

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- (4) felonious assault under AS 11.41.200 - 11.41.220;
- (5) a sexual offense under AS 11.41.410 - 11.41.460.

(c) The counseling offered under (a) of this section

- (1) must occur not later than 180 days after the jury is dismissed;
- (2) may be provided by the court system, by a state agency, or by contract; and
- (3) may be individual or group counseling.