IN THE HOUSE

HOUSE BILL NO. 125

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

A BILL

For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to a cause of action for certain conduct involving discriminatory harassment."

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

* Section 1. AS 09.55 is amended by adding a new section to read:

ARTICLE 8. DISCRIMINATORY HARASSMENT.

Sec. 09.55.650. DISCRIMINATORY HARASSMENT ACTION. (a) A person may maintain an action for discriminatory harassment against another person, or against the parent or legal guardian of a minor, who has caused physical injury to the person or damage to the property of the person, with the intent to intimidate or harass the person because of the person's sex, sexual orientation, race, color, religion, national origin, or physical or mental disability.

(b) Actual and punitive damages may be awarded to a prevailing plaintiff in an action brought under this section. An award of damages against the parent or legal guardian of a minor under this section must be predicated upon conduct of the parent or legal guardian that is at least negligent. An award of damages under this section does not preclude a person from seeking other remedies available under law.

(c) A party filing a complaint or an answer under this section, shall serve an informational copy on the executive director of the Alaska State Commission for Human Rights.