

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE BY  
REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

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HOUSE BILL NO. 125

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A BILL

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

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

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

10 ARTICLE 8. DISCRIMINATORY HARASSMENT.

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

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

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