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HOUSE BILL NO.

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE GILLHAM

Introduced:
Referred:

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act adding to the duties of the victims' advocate and the Department of Labor and**
2 **Workforce Development; and relating to informing certain peace officers, firefighters,**
3 **correctional employees, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, ambulance**
4 **attendants, emergency responders, and medical professionals of legal protections that**
5 **may be available if they become crime victims."**

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

7 *** Section 1.** AS 23.10 is amended by adding new sections to article 7 to read:

8 **Sec. 23.10.445. Posting of legal protections required.** (a) The department
9 shall provide to an employer, upon request and without charge, copies of the summary
10 published by the victims' advocate under AS 24.65.100(e).

11 (b) An employer of a peace officer, firefighter, correctional employee,
12 emergency medical technician, paramedic, ambulance attendant, emergency first
13 responder, or medical professional covered under AS 12.55.135(d) or

12.55.155(c)(13) shall post in a conspicuous location in the employee's workplace a copy of the summary published by the victims' advocate under AS 24.65.100. In this subsection, "medical professional" has the meaning given in AS 12.55.135(k).

Sec. 23.10.450. Definition. In AS 23.10.430 - 23.10.450, "employer" includes

- (1) a person who employs one or more other persons;
- (2) the state;
- (3) the University of Alaska;
- (4) the Alaska Railroad; and
- (5) political subdivisions of the state.

* **Sec. 2.** AS 24.65.100 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(e) The victims' advocate shall publish annually, on or before January 15, a summary of the legal rights and protections provided to victims of crimes, including rights and protections under AS 12.45.042, AS 12.61.010, 12.61.015, 12.61.016, 12.61.017, AS 33.20.080(b) and (c), AS 40.25.120(a)(6)(C), and this chapter, and provide a copy of the summary to the commissioner of labor and workforce development. The summary published under this subsection must include a statement providing the grounds upon which

(1) a private person or peace officer may, without a warrant, arrest a person under AS 12.25.030(a); and

(2) a criminal sentence

(A) is subject to a required minimum term of imprisonment under AS 12.55.135(d);

(B) may be increased above the presumptive sentencing range for specific conduct under AS 12.55.155(c)(13).

* **Sec. 3.** AS 23.10.430(c)(2) is repealed.