

**SENATE BILL NO. 225**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

**BY SENATOR SHOWER**

**Introduced: 2/24/20**

**Referred: Judiciary, Finance**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1   **"An Act relating to the crimes of coercion and bribery involving legislators; and**  
2   **providing for an effective date."**

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

4    \* **Section 1.** AS 11.41.530(a) is amended to read:

5           (a) A person commits the crime of coercion if the person compels another to  
6           engage in conduct from which there is a legal right to abstain or abstain from conduct  
7           in which there is a legal right to engage, by means of instilling in the person who is  
8           compelled a fear that, if the demand is not complied with, the person who makes the  
9           demand or another may

10               (1) inflict physical injury on anyone, except under circumstances  
11               constituting robbery in any degree, or commit any other crime;

12               (2) accuse anyone of a crime;

13               (3) expose confidential information or a secret, whether true or false,  
14               tending to subject a person to hatred, contempt, or ridicule or to impair the person's

1 credit or business repute;

2 (4) take or withhold action as a public servant or cause a public servant  
3 to take or withhold action;

4 (5) bring about or continue a strike, boycott, or other collective  
5 unofficial action, if the property is not demanded or received for the benefit of the  
6 group in whose interest the person making the threat or suggestion purports to act;

7 (6) testify or provide information or withhold testimony or information  
8 with respect to a person's legal claim or defense;

9 **(7) take or withhold action against a legislator or cause a person to**  
10 **take or withhold action against a legislator, including a reduction in staff, travel**  
11 **authorization, committee assignment, and a favorable position in a legislative**  
12 **caucus.**

13 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 11.56.100(a) is amended to read:

14 (a) A person commits the crime of bribery if the person confers, offers to  
15 confer, or agrees to confer a benefit upon a public servant with the intent to

16 **(1) influence the public servant's vote, opinion, judgment, action,**  
17 **decision, or exercise of official discretion; or**

18 **(2) bind a legislator's vote on any measure.**

19 \* **Sec. 3.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
20 read:

21 **APPLICABILITY.** This Act applies to offenses committed on or after the effective  
22 date of this Act.

23 \* **Sec. 4.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).