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*CS HB 400*

*“An Act relating to confiscation of firearms during disaster emergencies”*

*SPONSOR STATEMENT*

*“A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed.”* (Second Amendment to the United States Constitution - ratified December, 1791)

The wisdom of this Amendment comes not from seeing what future threats to a free State might be, but knowing that the right of the people to keep and bear arms will insure the security of that free State.

In the chaos following Hurricane Katrina, various government agencies, made systematic attempts to sweep New Orleans of guns, even if it meant entering the homes of law abiding gun owners. National Guard, federal, state, or local law enforcement personnel should not be allowed to confiscate lawfully owned and lawfully carried firearms.

CS to House Bill 400 changes the penalty imposed on individuals that violate the provisions of this bill. An elected official or individual in a governmental position will forfeit their office or position if found guilty; the Alaska Police Standards Council will enforce sanctions against police officers.

CS to House Bill 400 also makes a minor change in the title.

This bill will insure that law-abiding citizens are not disarmed by the government during a time when they may need their firearms the most.

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