# Fact Sheet for: Senate Bill  63

## Short Title:  USE SEAT BELT ROAD SIGNS

### Summary:
- Allows the Alaska Department of Transportation to erect and maintain roadway signs that encourage the use of safety belts.
- Stipulates placing the signs at the sites of traffic fatalities that could have been prevented if seat belts were in use.

### Benefits:
- Encourages drivers and passengers to always use safety belts.
- Reminds drivers and passengers about the potential consequences of not wearing safety belts.
- Demonstrates the state is serious about safety belt use.

### Background:
- Between 1997 and 2002 about 55% of all motor vehicle fatalities in Alaska could have been prevented if safety belts were used. The bill is named in memory of Nathan Kampen, a young Anchorage man who died in a traffic accident because he was not wearing a safety belt. The bill is one more positive step toward saving lives on Alaska's roadways.