

Sponsor Statement House Bill 125

House Bill 125 amends Alaska Statute 09.68 by adding a section that creates protection for victims of improper viewing and/or photography. This bill also sets the parameters for what is considered to be improper viewing or photography.

House Bill 125 would prohibit the transmission of pictures or video images over the Internet without the consent of the subject or the parents if the subject is a minor.

House Bill 125 will also prohibit any monetary gain to be had by the perpetrators of crimes of this nature as well as imposing stiff monetary fines.

In summary, **HB 125** will ban a practice known simply as “up-skirting or down-blousing”. The Internet has made this practice more common with web-sites posting images and buying pictures from high tech peeping toms and telling users where to buy hidden cameras. These web-sites basically promote this practice as well as encourage it. This bill is designed to protect the privacy of all the residents in the State of Alaska.