

Alaska Stat. § 12.55.035 Fines (2010 Amendment, ch. 110, §§ 1, 4)

(a) Upon conviction of an offense, a defendant may be sentenced to pay a fine as authorized in this section or as otherwise authorized by law.

(b) Upon conviction of an offense, a defendant who is not an organization may be sentenced to pay, unless otherwise specified in the provision of law defining the offense, a fine of no more than

(1) \$500,000 for murder in the first or second degree, attempted murder in the first degree, murder of an unborn child, sexual assault in the first degree, sexual abuse of a minor in the first degree, kidnapping, promoting prostitution in the first degree under AS 11.66.110(a)(2), or misconduct involving a controlled substance in the first degree;

(2) \$250,000 for a class A felony;

(3) \$100,000 for a class B felony;

(4) \$50,000 for a class C felony;

(5) \$10,000 for a class A misdemeanor;

(6) \$2,000 for a class B misdemeanor;

(7) \$500 for a violation.

(c) Upon conviction of an offense, a defendant that is an organization may be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding the greatest of

(1) an amount that is

(A) \$2,500,000 for a felony offense or for a misdemeanor offense that results in death;

(B) \$500,000 for a class A misdemeanor offense that does not result in death; death;

(C) \$75,000 for a class B misdemeanor offense that does not result in

(D) \$25,000 for a violation;

(2) three times the pecuniary gain

(A) realized by the defendant as a result of the offense; or

(B) sought by the defendant for the defendant or for others by the commission of the offense; or

(3) three times the pecuniary damage or loss

(A) caused by the defendant to another, or to the property of another, as a result of the offense; or

(B) to another or the property of another sought by the defendant by the commission of the offense.

(d) If a defendant is sentenced to pay a fine, the court may grant permission for the payment to be made within a specified period of time or in specified installments.

(e) In imposing a fine under (c) of this section, in addition to any other relevant factors, the court shall consider

- (1) measures taken by the organization to discipline an officer, director, employee, or agent of the organization;
- (2) measures taken by the organization to prevent a recurrence of the offense;
- (3) the organization's obligation to make restitution to a victim of the offense, and the extent to which imposition of a fine will impair the ability of the organization to make restitution; and
- (4) the extent to which the organization will pass on to consumers the expense of the fine

(f) In imposing a fine, the court may not reduce the fine by the amount of a surcharge or otherwise consider the applicability of a surcharge to the offense.

(g) Fines imposed and collected under this section shall be separately accounted for under AS 37.05.142.

(h) Notwithstanding the requirements of AS 12.55.035(g), enacted by sec. 1 of this Act, and AS 47.12.410, enacted by sec. 3 of this Act, that fines collected under AS 12.55.035 be accounted for separately, the Alaska Court System shall deposit money collected under AS 12.55.035 in the general fund and shall, by January 1 of each year, provide to the Department of Administration, to the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee, and to each house of the legislature an estimate of the money collected under AS 12.55.035 for that fiscal year.

Alaska Stat. § 12.55.135 Sentences of imprisonment for misdemeanors (2006 Amendment, ch. 86, § 1, 2006 Amendment, ch. 87, §§ 4, 5)

(a) A defendant convicted of a class A misdemeanor may be sentenced to a definite term of imprisonment of not more than one year.

(b) A defendant convicted of a class B misdemeanor may be sentenced to a definite term of imprisonment of not more than 90 days unless otherwise specified in the provision of law defining the offense.

(c) A defendant convicted of assault in the fourth degree that is a crime involving domestic violence committed in violation of the provisions of an order issued or filed under AS 12.30.027 or AS 18.66.100-18.66.180 and not subject to sentencing under (g) of this section shall be sentenced to a minimum term imprisonment of 20 days.

(d) A defendant convicted of assault in the fourth degree or harassment in the first degree who knowingly directed the conduct constituting the offense at

(1) a uniformed or otherwise clearly identified peace officer, fire fighter, correctional employee, emergency medical technician, paramedic, ambulance attendant, or other emergency responder or medical professional who was engaged in the performance of official duties at the time of the assault or harassment shall be sentenced to a minimum term of imprisonment of

(A) 60 days if the defendant violated AS 11.41.230(a)(1) or (2) or AS 11.61.118;

(B) 30 days if the defendant violated AS 11.41.230(a)(3).

(2) a person who was on school grounds during school hours or during a school function or a school-sponsored event, on a school bus, at a school-sponsored event, or in the administrative offices of a school district, if students are educated at that office, shall be sentenced to a minimum term of imprisonment of 60 days if the defendant violated AS 11.41.230(a)(1) or (2); in this paragraph,

(A) “school bus” has the meaning given in AS 11.71.900;

(B) “school district” has the meaning given in AS 47.07.063;

(C) “school grounds” has the meaning given in AS 11.71.900.

(e) If a defendant is sentenced under (c), (d), or (h) of this section,

(1) execution of sentence may not be suspended and probation or parole may not be granted until the minimum term of imprisonment has been served;

(2) imposition of a sentence may not be suspended except upon condition that the defendant be imprisoned for no less than the minimum term of imprisonment provided in the section; and

(3) the minimum term of imprisonment may not otherwise be reduced.

(f) A defendant convicted of vehicle theft in the second degree in violation of AS 11.46.365(a)(1) shall be sentenced to a definite term of imprisonment of at least 72 hours but not more than one year.

(g) A defendant convicted of assault in the fourth degree that is a crime involving domestic violence shall be sentenced to a minimum term of imprisonment of

(1) 30 days if the defendant has been previously convicted of a crime against a person or a crime involving domestic violence;

(2) 60 days if the defendant has been previously convicted two or more times of a crime against a person or a crime involving domestic violence, or a combination of those crimes.

(h) A defendant convicted of failure to register as a sex offender or child kidnapper in the second degree under AS 11.56.840 shall be sentenced to a minimum term of imprisonment of 35 days.

(i) If a defendant is sentenced under (g) of this section,

- (1) execution of sentence may not be suspended and probation or parole may not be granted until the minimum term of imprisonment has been served;
- (2) imposition of sentence may not be suspended;
- (3) the minimum term of imprisonment may not otherwise be reduced.

(j) A court may not impose a sentence of imprisonment or suspended imprisonment for possession of marijuana in violation of AS 11.71.060 if the defendant alleges, and the court finds, that the defendant was not under formal or informal probation or parole conditions in this or another jurisdiction at the time of the offense; that the defendant possessed the marijuana for the defendant's personal use within the defendant's permanent or temporary residence; and that the defendant has not been previously convicted more than once in this or another jurisdiction for possession of marijuana. If the defendant has not been previously convicted as described in this subsection, the maximum unsuspended fine that the court may impose is \$500. If the defendant has been previously convicted once as described in this subsection, the maximum unsuspended fine that the court may impose is \$1,000. In this subsection,

(1) “permanent or temporary residence” means a permanent structure adopted for overnight accommodation; “permanent or temporary residence” does not include

(A) vehicles, tents, prisons or other correctional facilities, residential treatment facilities, or shelters operated by a charitable organization or a government agency;

(B) any place where the defendant's possession or use of marijuana violated established rules for residents, such as a ban on smoking or a ban on marijuana or other controlled substances;

(2) “previously convicted” means the defendant entered a plea of guilty, no contest, or nolo contendere, or has been found guilty by a court or jury, regardless of whether the conviction was set aside under AS 12.55.085 or a similar procedure in another jurisdiction, of possession of marijuana; “previously convicted” does not include a judgment that has been reversed or vacated by a court.

(k) In this section,

(1) “crime against a person” means a crime under AS 11.41, or a crime in this or another jurisdiction having elements similar to those of a crime under AS 11.41;

(2) “crime involving domestic violence” has the meaning given in AS 18.66.990.

(3) “medical professional” means a person who is an anesthesiologist, dentist, dental hygienist, health aide, nurse, nurse aid, nurse practitioner, mental health counselor, physician, physician assistant, chiropractor, psychiatrist, osteopath, psychologist, psychological associate, radiologist, surgeon, or x-ray technician, or who holds a substantially similar position.

Alaska Stat. § 28.01.010 Provisions uniform throughout state (2010 Amendment, ch. 29, § 38)

(a) The provisions of this title and the regulations adopted under this title are applicable within all municipalities of the state. A municipality may not enact an ordinance that is inconsistent with the provisions of this title or the regulations adopted under this title. A municipality may not incorporate into a publication of traffic ordinances a provision of this title or the regulations adopted under this title without specifically identifying the provision or regulation as a state statute or regulation.

(b) A municipality may adopt by reference all or a part of this title and regulations adopted under this title, and may request and shall receive from the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development and, as appropriate, either the Department of Administration or the Department of Public Safety, assistance in the drafting of model ordinances for adoption by reference. Notwithstanding (a) of this section, a municipality may enact necessary ordinances to meet specific local requirements.

(c) A copy of all traffic ordinances enacted by a municipality shall be forwarded to the commissioner of public safety and specific notice of any inconsistent ordinances shall be given by the municipality when the copy of the ordinances is forwarded. So far as practicable, the section number identifying a particular municipal traffic ordinance must be the same as the section number identifying a corresponding provision of this title or regulations adopted under this title.

(d) A municipality shall erect necessary official traffic control devices on streets and highways within its jurisdiction that as far as practicable conform to the current edition of the Alaska Traffic Manual prepared by the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities. The municipality

(1) shall post a sign indicating that the school is a “drug-free school zone” at each location in which it has installed a sign identifying the location of a school;

(2) may post a sign at each recreation and youth center indicating that the center is a “drug-free recreation and youth center zone”; in this paragraph, “recreation or youth center” has the meaning given in AS 11.71.900.

(e) Copies of all traffic ordinances enacted by a municipality shall be incorporated in a manual and made available to the general public.

(f) Regulations adopted pertaining to a matter partially or wholly governed by this title must be mutually consistent and compatible, and must complement each other, as far as practicable. For the purpose of uniformity, the Department of Administration or the Department of Public Safety, whichever is appropriate, shall offer and receive reasonable assistance in the coordination and adoption of these regulations.

(g) Regulations adopted under this title must, as far as practicable, conform to the recommendations of the current edition of the Uniform Vehicle Code adopted by the National Committee on Uniform Traffic Laws and Ordinances.

(h) A municipality may issue a citation for a traffic offense only if the citation complies with the provisions of AS 12.25.175 and 12.25.200.

(i) A municipal parking citation trial or appeal process and fees charged for it must be substantially similar to the applicable trial or appeal process adopted by the Alaska Supreme Court or imposed by law.

(j) A court may not enforce a municipal ordinance prescribing a penalty for driving while under the influence of an alcoholic beverage, inhalant, or controlled substance or refusal to submit to a chemical test unless that ordinance imposes ignition interlock device requirements under this title.

Alaska Stat. § 28.35.161 Use of electronic devices while driving; unlawful installation of television, monitor, or similar device (2012 Amendment, ch. 14, §§ 2-5)

(a) A person commits the crime of driving while texting, while communicating on a computer, or while a screen device is operating if the person is driving a motor vehicle, and

(1) the vehicle has a television, video monitor, portable computer, or any other similar means capable of providing a visual display that is in full view of a driver in a normal driving position while the vehicle is in motion, and the monitor or visual display is operating while the person is driving; or

(2) the person is reading or typing a text message or other nonvoice message or communication on a cellular telephone, personal data assistant, computer, or any other similar means capable of providing a visual display that is in view of the driver in a normal driving position while the vehicle is in motion and while the person is driving

(b) A person may not install or alter equipment described in (a) of this section that allows the images to be viewed by the driver in a normal driving position while the vehicle is in motion.

(c) Subsections (a) and (b) of this section do not apply to

(1) portable cellular telephones or personal data assistants being used for voice communication or displaying caller identification information;

(2) equipment that is displaying only

(A) audio equipment information, functions, and controls;

(B) vehicle information or controls related to speed, fuel level, battery charge, and other vehicle safety or equipment information;

(C) navigation or global positioning;

(D) maps;

(E) visual information to

(i) enhance or supplement the driver's view forward, behind, or to the sides of the motor vehicle for the purpose of maneuvering the vehicle; or

(ii) allow the driver to monitor vehicle occupants seated behind the driver;

(F) vehicle dispatching and response information for motor vehicles providing emergency road service or roadside assistance;

(G) vehicle dispatching information for passenger transport or freight or package delivery; or

(H) information for use in performing highway construction, maintenance, or repair or data acquisition by the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities or a municipality ; or

(I) information for use in performing utility construction, maintenance, repair, or data acquisition by a public utility; in this subparagraph, “public utility” has the meaning given in AS 42.05.990.

(d) Subsections (a) and (b) of this section do not apply to devices and equipment installed in an emergency vehicle, whether removable or permanently installed, or to the viewing of authorized screen devices by police, fire, or emergency medical service personnel if the user of the equipment or device reasonably believes the information on the device is necessary to respond to a health, safety, or criminal matter. In this subsection, “emergency vehicle” means a police, fire, or emergency medical service vehicle.

(e) It is an affirmative defense to a prosecution under (b) of this section that the equipment installed or altered includes a device that, when the motor vehicle is being driven, disables the equipment for all uses except those described in (c) of this section.

(f) A person who violates (a) of this section is guilty of

(1) a class A misdemeanor, unless any of the circumstances described in (2)—(4) of this subsection apply;

(2) a class C felony if the person's driving causes physical injury to another person;

(3) a class B felony if the person's driving causes serious physical injury to another person;

(4) a class A felony if the person's driving causes the death of another person.

(g) A person who violates (b) of this section is guilty of a class A misdemeanor.