

SENATE BILL NO. 176

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY SENATOR COGHILL

Introduced: 2/14/14

Referred: Judiciary

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to the regulation of firearms and knives by the University of Alaska."**

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

3 * **Section 1.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section
4 to read:

5 FINDINGS AND INTENT. The legislature finds that the individual right to keep and
6 bear arms is a constitutionally protected right under art. I, sec. 19, Constitution of the State of
7 Alaska, and may not be abridged by the Board of Regents of the University of Alaska. The
8 legislature reserves to the state the authority to regulate firearms, except as specifically
9 provided in AS 14.40.173.

10 * **Sec. 2.** AS 14.40 is amended by adding a new section to read:

11 **Sec. 14.40.173. Regulation of firearms and knives.** (a) The authority to
12 regulate firearms and knives is reserved to the state, and, except as specifically
13 provided by statute, the board of regents may not enact or enforce a policy regulating
14 the possession, ownership, use, carrying, registration, storage, or transportation of
15 firearms or knives.

- 1 (b) The board of regents may adopt and enforce policies
- 2 (1) that are identical to state law and that have the same penalty as
- 3 provided for by state law;
- 4 (2) restricting the discharge of firearms on any portion of university
- 5 land where there is a reasonable likelihood that people, domestic animals, or property
- 6 will be jeopardized; policies adopted or enforced under this paragraph may not abridge
- 7 the right of the individual guaranteed by art. I, sec. 19, Constitution of the State of
- 8 Alaska, to bear arms in defense of self or others; and
- 9 (3) prohibiting the possession of firearms or knives in the restricted
- 10 access area of university buildings; the university shall post notice of the prohibition
- 11 against possession of firearms or knives at each entrance to the restricted access area.
- 12 (c) In this section,
- 13 (1) "firearms" includes firearms, or any other element relating to
- 14 firearms or parts of the firearm including ammunition and reloading components;
- 15 (2) "restricted access area" means the area beyond a secure point
- 16 where visitors are screened and does not include common areas of ingress and egress
- 17 open to the public.