

**HOUSE BILL NO. 4**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

**BY REPRESENTATIVE RAUSCHER**

**Introduced: 1/7/19**

**Referred: Prefiled**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to assault in the third and fourth degrees; and relating to reckless**  
2 **endangerment."**

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

4 **\* Section 1.** AS 11.41.220 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

5 (f) The provisions of (a)(1)(A) of this section do not apply to the defensive  
6 display of a firearm by a person.

7 **\* Sec. 2.** AS 11.41.230 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

8 (c) The provisions of (a)(3) of this section do not apply to the defensive  
9 display of a firearm by a person.

10 **\* Sec. 3.** AS 11.41.250 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

11 (c) The provisions of (a) of this section do not apply to the defensive display  
12 of a firearm by a person.

13 **\* Sec. 4.** AS 11.81.900(b) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

14 (68) "defensive display of a firearm" includes

- 1 (A) openly wearing, carrying, or possessing a firearm;  
2 (B) verbally informing another person of the possession of a  
3 firearm;  
4 (C) holding a firearm in a position that does not point the  
5 firearm directly at another person;  
6 (D) displaying a firearm to dissuade a threatening person; and  
7 (E) warning another person of the availability of a firearm to  
8 dissuade a threat by the other person.

9 \* **Sec. 5.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
10 read:

11 **APPLICABILITY.** AS 11.41.220(f), enacted by sec. 1 of this Act, AS 11.41.230(c),  
12 enacted by sec. 2 of this Act, and AS 11.41.250(c), enacted by sec. 3 of this Act, apply to  
13 offenses committed on or after the effective date of this Act.