

# ***Safer Conditions For Workmen***

Alaska workmen are assured of safer working conditions under terms of a bill signed into law by Governor Keith H. Miller on Monday (May 4), Commissioner of Labor Thomas J. Moore reported today.

According to Moore, the new law, popularly known as the "Red Tag Law", amends the Department of Labor's General Safety Code.

It grants the commissioner the power to shut down an employment site or part of a site where a safety hazard exists, following written notice to the employer.

The shut-down order would remain in effect until the hazardous condition is corrected.

"The 'Red Tag Law' is an essential enforcement tool which makes it possible for the department to fulfill its legal duty to prevent accidents, thus saving employees from injury or losing their lives as a result of a preventable condition," Moore stated.

The commissioner noted that until this time, the department has had to depend on employer cooperation or the courts to get safety code violations corrected.

"Court action takes time—time which serves as a breeding ground for accidents and the possible creation of more hazards."