A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

"An Act authorizing grants for temporary housing assistance during emergencies and disasters."

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

* Section 1. AS 26.23.100(a) is amended to read:

(a) Whenever the governor has proclaimed a disaster emergency, or the President, at the request of the governor, has declared an emergency or a major disaster to exist in this state, the governor may

(1) purchase, lease, or make other arrangements with any agency of the United States or state for temporary housing units to be occupied by disaster victims and to make those units available to any political subdivision of the state;

(2) make housing assistance grants to eligible disaster victims who have located temporary housing for the costs of the housing that are not covered under temporary housing assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, under private insurance, or from any other source; as a condition of
accepting a housing assistance grant from the state under this paragraph, the recipient shall agree to repay the state for the assistance to the extent that the recipient is reimbursed or otherwise compensated from any source for the same costs of temporary housing that were covered by the state grant:

(3) assist any political subdivision of this state that is the location of temporary housing for disaster victims to acquire sites necessary for the temporary housing and do all things necessary to prepare the site to receive and use temporary housing units by

(A) advancing or lending funds available to the governor from an appropriation made by the legislature or from any other source;

(B) passing through funds made available by any agency, public or private; or

(C) becoming a copartner with a political subdivision for the execution and performance of any temporary housing for disaster-victim projects and, for those purposes, pledging the credit of the state on terms considered appropriate, having due regard for current debt transactions of the state;

(4) [(3)] under whatever relevant regulations the governor may adopt, temporarily suspend, or modify, for not more than 60 days, any public health, safety, zoning, transportation, or other requirement of law or regulation of the state, when by proclamation, the governor declares a suspension or modification essential to provide temporary housing for disaster victims.