CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 201(FIN)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Offered: 4/26/96
Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): SENATOR LINCOLN
REPRESENTATIVE Nicholia

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

"An Act relating to the employment of emergency fire-fighting personnel by the commissioner of natural resources."

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

* Section 1. AS 39.25.110(19) is amended to read:

(19) emergency fire-fighting personnel [FIRE FIGHTERS] employed by the Department of Natural Resources for a fire emergency or for fire prevention and related activities conducted under AS 41.15.030;

* Sec. 2. AS 41.15.030(b) is amended to read:

(b) The commissioner may hire emergency fire-fighting personnel, and shall establish classifications and rates of pay for the emergency fire-fighting personnel consistent with the compensation paid by other fire-fighting agencies. The commissioner may adjust the classifications and rates based on findings of the federal Bureau of Land Management for Alaska. The commissioner may assign emergency fire-fighting personnel to conduct fire suppression, hazard reduction, fire suppression, and related activities.
prevention, habitat restoration or improvement, and other related activities in
emergency and nonemergency circumstances. The assignment of emergency fire-
fighting personnel to nonemergency activities may not be used to replace
permanent or seasonal state employees. The commissioner may not use
appropriations to the department from state general funds for emergency fire-
fighting personnel engaged in nonemergency activities under this section.

* Sec. 3. AS 41.15.210 is amended to read:

Sec. 41.15.210. FIRE SUPPRESSION FUND. A fire suppression fund is
established in the state treasury for the use of the department. The fund shall be used
for actual expenses incurred in the suppression of fires. The fund may not be used

(1) for capital expenditures; or

(2) to fund nonemergency activities of emergency fire-fighting

personnel under AS 41.15.030.