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

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

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORIZATION AND APPROVAL. (a) The Alaska Railroad Corporation is authorized to issue revenue bonds under AS 42.40.250 to finance a positive train control rail transportation safety project that qualifies for federal financial participation and associated costs, including, without limitation, reserves for debt service and capitalized interest, if necessary or appropriate, and costs of issuance. The maximum principal amount of bonds that the Alaska Railroad Corporation may issue under this section is $37,000,000. The Alaska Railroad Corporation may issue the bonds in a single issuance or in several issuances, without limitation as to number of issuances or timing, and as the Alaska Railroad

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Corporation determines best furthers the purpose of financing the positive train control rail transportation safety project described in this section and associated costs. The bonds shall be repaid from the federal money derived from annual apportionments paid to the Alaska Railroad Corporation by the Federal Transit Administration or other funds available to the corporation. In no event shall the general credit of the Alaska Railroad Corporation or the state be pledged for the repayment of the bonds.

(b) This authorization extends to bonds issued to refund the bonds authorized in this Act. The principal amount of the bonds authorized in this Act may be increased in an issue of refunding bonds in an amount equal to the costs of refunding if the refunding is undertaken to achieve debt service savings.

(c) This section constitutes the approval required by AS 42.40.285 for the issuance of the bonds described in this section.

(d) The bonds authorized to be issued under this section are issued by a public corporation and an instrumentality of the state for an essential public and governmental purpose.

(e) In this section, "bonds" means bonds, bond anticipation notes, notes, refunding bonds, or other obligations.

*Sec. 2.* This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).