

HOUSE BILL NO. 278

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Referred: State Affairs

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act establishing the Alaska-Ireland Trade Commission; and providing for an**
2 **effective date."**

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

4 *** Section 1.** AS 44.33 is amended by adding a new section to read:

5 **Article 7A. Alaska-Ireland Trade Commission.**

6 **Sec. 44.33.440. Alaska-Ireland Trade Commission.** (a) The Alaska-Ireland
7 Trade Commission is established in the Department of Commerce, Community, and
8 Economic Development.

9 (b) The commission consists of five members appointed by the governor. The
10 members of the commission serve two-year terms at the pleasure of the governor.

11 (c) The purpose of the commission is to

12 (1) advance bilateral trade and investment between the state and
13 Ireland;

14 (2) initiate joint action on policy issues of mutual interest to the state

1 and Ireland;

2 (3) promote business and academic exchanges between the state and
3 Ireland;

4 (4) encourage mutual economic support between the state and Ireland;

5 (5) encourage mutual investment in the infrastructure of the state and
6 Ireland; and

7 (6) address other issues as determined by the commission.

8 (d) The commission shall elect a chair from among its members. A majority of
9 the members of the commission constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

10 (e) The commission shall provide public notice of a meeting at least seven
11 days before the meeting.

12 (f) The Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development
13 may accept gifts, donations, and grants from public and private sources to assist and
14 support the commission in carrying out the purposes of this section.

15 * **Sec. 2.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
16 read:

17 REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE. The Alaska-Ireland Trade Commission shall
18 prepare and submit to the governor and the legislature a report of the commission's findings,
19 results, and recommendations. The commission shall submit the report on or before the 30th
20 day of the First Regular Session of the Thirty-Fifth Alaska State Legislature. The commission
21 shall deliver the report to the senate secretary and the chief clerk of the house of
22 representatives and notify the legislature that the report is available.

23 * **Sec. 3.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).