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AN ACT

To provide financing and development of housing for persons of moderate income; and providing for an effective date.

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

* Section 1. AS 18.56.010 is amended to read:

Sec. 18.56.010. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE. (a) There exists within the state a serious shortage of decent, safe and sanitary residential housing available at low or moderate prices or rentals to persons of lower and moderate income. There also exist within the state remote, underdeveloped or blighted areas where the development of decent, safe and sanitary housing is necessary to economic growth. These conditions are inimical to the safety, health, welfare and prosperity of the residents of the state and to the sound growth of urban and rural communities.

(b) The legislature finds and declares that private enterprise has not been able to provide, without assistance, an adequate supply of safe and sanitary homes at prices or rents which persons of lower and moderate income can afford, or to achieve rehabilitation of much of the present housing for persons of lower and moderate income, or to provide without assistance the housing necessary to promote the economic growth of remote, underdeveloped or blighted areas, and that existing state and federal programs are inadequate to meet housing needs of persons of lower and moderate income or of remote, underdeveloped or blighted areas. It is imperative that the supply of housing for persons of lower and moderate income and the housing necessary to promote the economic growth of remote, underdeveloped or blighted areas be increased and that coordination and cooperation among private enterprise, state and local government be encouraged to sponsor, build and rehabilitate residential housing for these persons.

(c) The legislature finds and declares further that, in accomplishing this purpose, the creation of the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation is essential to assist in the acquisition and development of land and the construction, rehabilitation, financing, management, maintenance, sale and rental of dwelling units for persons of lower and moderate income or persons in remote, underdeveloped or blighted areas and that these activities serve a public purpose in benefiting the people of the state. The Alaska Housing Finance Corporation is empowered to act on behalf of the state and its people in serving this public purpose for the benefit of the general public.

* Sec. 2. AS 18.56 is amended by adding a new section to read:

Sec. 18.56.085. INVESTMENT OF STATE SURPLUS. Notwithstanding other provisions of law, when the commissioner of revenue determines that there is in the state treasury a surplus above an amount sufficient to meet current cash expenditure needs, the surplus may be invested, in addition to the investments permitted by AS 37.10.070(a), in residential mortgages owned by the corporation and secured by real estate within the state, which investments shall be subject to the terms and conditions that the corporation and the commissioner of revenue may provide in any contract of sale. Investments allowed by this section shall be made as provided for other investments of the state money under AS 37.10.070(a), (f), (g) and (i). The terms and conditions of any contract of sale authorized to be made under this section may include but are not limited to:

- (1) the investment by the state in a specified or determinable amount of mortgages;
- (2) the existence of a prior lien on and pledge of the mortgages invested in by the state;
- (3) provisions relating to the subordination of the state's interest in and application of annual payments of principal and interest or the proceeds of a permitted sale of, or insurance or prepayments on, the mortgages; and
- (4) the right of the corporation to repurchase the mortgages at a predetermined price.

* Sec. 3. AS 18.56.090 is amended to read:

Sec. 18.56.090. GENERAL POWERS. In addition to other powers granted in this chapter, the corporation may, for the purpose of providing housing for persons of lower and moderate income or persons located in remote, underdeveloped or blighted areas of the state

- (1) make or participate in the making of construction loans to sponsors, developers and builders of land development or residential housing, if the corporation determines that construction loans are not otherwise available, wholly or in part, from private lenders upon reasonably equivalent terms and conditions;
- (2) make or participate in the making of

mortgage loans to sponsors, developers, builders and purchasers of residential housing, if the corporation determines that mortgage loans are not otherwise available, wholly or in part, from private lenders upon reasonably equivalent terms and conditions;

(3) purchase or participate in the purchase of mortgage loans made to sponsors, developers, builders, owners and purchasers of residential housing, if the corporation

(A) has given approval before the initial making of the loan and has determined that mortgage loans were, at the time the approval was given, not otherwise available, wholly or in part, from private lenders upon reasonably equivalent terms and conditions, or

(B) has determined that the purchase or participation will result in additional residential housing, taking into account without limitation such factors as reinvestment of the proceeds of the sale in additional mortgage loans, increased availability of mortgage loans insured by the federal government, its agencies or departments, the reduction, if any, of interest payments to be made with respect to mortgage loans, or such other factors as will tend to increase or improve the supply of residential housing within the state;

(4) make partial rental payments and mortgage interest payments under a contract with any housing owner if the payments will be applied to decrease rental or mortgage interest charges of persons of lower and moderate income or owners or purchasers of residential housing in remote, underdeveloped or blighted areas of the state;

(5) make loans from the housing development fund;

(6) collect and pay reasonable fees and charges in connection with making, purchasing and servicing its loans, notes, bonds, commitments and other evidences of indebtedness;

(7) acquire real property, or any interest in real property, in its own name, by purchase, transfer or foreclosure, when the acquisition is necessary or appropriate to protect any loan in which the corporation has an interest; sell, transfer and convey any such property to a buyer; and, if the sale, transfer or conveyance cannot be effected with reasonable promptness or at a reasonable price, rent or lease the property to a tenant pending the sale, transfer or conveyance;

(8) sell, at public or private sale, to any purchaser, including the Federal National Mortgage Association, all or any part of a mortgage or other instrument or document securing a construction, land development, mortgage or temporary loan of any type permitted by this chapter;

(9) purchase, in order to meet the requirements

of the sale of its mortgages to the Federal National Mortgage Association, stock of the Federal National Mortgage Association;

(10) procure insurance against any loss in connection with its operation;

(11) consent to the modification of the rate of interest, time of payment of any installment of principal or interest, or any other terms, of the mortgage loan, mortgage loan commitment, construction loan, temporary loan, contract or agreement of any kind to which the corporation is a party;

(12) borrow money as herein provided to carry out and effectuate its corporate purposes; and issue its obligations as evidence of any such borrowing;

(13) include in any borrowing the amounts necessary to pay financing charges, interest on the obligations for a period not exceeding one year after the date on which the corporation estimates funds will otherwise be available to pay the interest, consultant, advisory and legal fees and such other expenses as are necessary or incident to this borrowing;

(14) make and publish rules and regulations respecting its lending programs and such other rules and regulations as are necessary to effectuate its purposes;

(15) provide technical and advisory services to sponsors, builders and developers of residential housing and to residents of it;

(16) promote research and development in scientific methods of constructing low-cost residential housing of high durability;

(17) make and execute agreements, contracts and other instruments necessary or convenient in the exercise of the powers and functions of the corporation under this chapter, including contracts with any person, firm, corporation, governmental agency or other entity;

(18) receive, administer and comply with the conditions and requirements respecting any appropriation or gift, grant or donation of property or money;

(19) sue and be sued in its own name;

(20) adopt an official seal;

(21) adopt bylaws for the regulation of its affairs and the conduct of its business and prescribe rules, regulations and policies in connection with the performance of its functions and duties;

(22) employ fiscal consultants, engineers, attorneys, real estate counselors, appraisers and such other consultants and employees as may be required in the judgment of the corporation, and fix and pay their compensation from funds available to the corporation;

(23) do all acts and things necessary, convenient or desirable to carry out the powers expressly granted or necessarily implied in this chapter;

(24) invest or reinvest, subject to its contracts with noteholders and bondholders, any money or funds held by the corporation in any obligations or other securities or investments in which banks or trust companies in the state may legally invest funds held in reserves or sinking funds or any funds not required for immediate disbursement, and in certificates of deposit or time deposits secured by obligations of, or guaranteed by, the state or the United States of America.

* Sec. 4. AS 18.56.100(b)(2) is amended to read:

(2) provide to persons of lower and moderate income who are applying for mortgages, the amounts required to make down payments and pay closing costs and to housing owners the amounts applied for partial rental payments and mortgage interest payments under sec. 90(4) of this chapter; or

* Sec. 5. AS 18.56.210(3) is amended to read:

(3) "development costs" means the costs approved by the corporation as appropriate expenditures which may be incurred by sponsors, builders and developers of residential housing, before commitment and initial advance of the proceeds of a construction loan or of a mortgage loan, including but not limited to

(A) payments for options to purchase properties on the proposed residential housing site, deposits on contracts of purchase, or, with prior approval of the corporation, payments for the purchase of the properties;

(B) legal and organizational expenses, including payments of attorney fees, project manager, clerical and other staff salaries, office rent and other incidental expenses;

(C) payment of fees for preliminary feasibility studies and advances for planning, engineering and architectural work;

(D) expenses for tenant surveys and market analyses; and

(E) necessary application and other fees;

* Sec. 6. AS 18.56.210(7) is amended to read:

(7) "mortgage" or "mortgage loan" means a mortgage loan for residential housing insured or guaranteed by the United States or an instrumentality thereof or for which there is a commitment by the United States or an instrumentality thereof to insure or guarantee such a mortgage, or if not so insured or guaranteed or if there is no such commitment, which the corporation determines meets the conditions described in sec. 100(k) of this chapter or

which shall be secured upon such terms and conditions as the corporation considers necessary or practicable to insure all repayments;

* Sec. 7. AS 18.56.210(8) is amended to read:

(8) "land development" means the process of acquiring land primarily for residential housing construction for persons of lower and moderate income and making, installing or constructing nonresidential housing improvements, including water, sewer and other utilities, roads, streets, curbs, gutters, sidewalks, storm drainage facilities and other installations or works, whether on or off the site, which the corporation considers necessary or desirable to prepare the land primarily for residential housing construction;

* Sec. 8. AS 18.56.210(10) is amended to read:

(10) "persons of lower and moderate income" means a person or persons considered by the corporation to require assistance available under this chapter on account of insufficient or inadequate personal or family income or otherwise limited personal financial resources, taking into consideration, without limitation, such factors as

(A) the amount of the total income of the persons available for housing needs;

(B) the size of the family;

(C) the cost and condition of housing facilities available;

(D) standards established for various federal programs determining eligibility based on income of the persons; and

(E) the ability of the persons to compete successfully in the normal housing market and to pay the amounts at which private enterprise is providing decent, safe and sanitary housing;

* Sec. 9. AS 18.56.210(11) is amended to read:

(11) "residential housing" means a specific work or improvement undertaken primarily to provide dwelling accommodations without limitation as to form of lawful occupancy, whether rental, under contract, fee ownership, cooperative housing, condominium or other lawful forms of ownership, for persons of lower and moderate income, or in remote, underdeveloped or blighted areas, including the acquisition, construction or rehabilitation of land, buildings and improvements thereto, and such other nonhousing facilities as may be incidental or appurtenant thereto.

* Sec. 10. AS 18.56.210 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

(12) "remote, underdeveloped or blighted areas" means areas considered by the corporation to require assistance available under this chapter on account of insufficient availability of the residential housing necessary to

promote, develop or maintain the economic growth or potential of the area, taking into consideration, without limitation, the following:

(A) the population, resources and environment of the area;

(B) the present availability and condition of residential housing in and near the area;

(C) the cost of construction and rehabilitation of residential housing in the area;

(D) the availability of other federal or state sponsored programs to facilitate the development of residential housing in the area; and

(E) the ability of residents of the area to finance the purchase of residential housing or to rent or lease such housing at rates comparable to those in effect in other areas of the state.

* Sec. 11. This Act takes effect on the day after its passage and approval or on the day it becomes law without approval.