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## AN ACT

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

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1 Relating to the employment of emergency fire-fighting personnel by the commissioner of  
2 natural resources.

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

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

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

9 (b) The commissioner may hire emergency fire-fighting personnel, and shall  
10 establish classifications and rates of pay for the emergency fire-fighting personnel  
11 consistent with the compensation paid by other fire-fighting agencies. The  
12 commissioner may adjust the classifications and rates based on findings of the federal  
13 Bureau of Land Management for Alaska. The commissioner may assign emergency  
14 fire-fighting personnel to conduct fire suppression, hazard reduction, fire

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1 prevention, habitat restoration or improvement, and other related activities in  
2 emergency and nonemergency circumstances. The assignment of emergency fire-  
3 fighting personnel to nonemergency activities may not be used to replace  
4 permanent or seasonal state employees. The commissioner may not use  
5 appropriations to the department from state general funds for emergency fire-  
6 fighting personnel engaged in nonemergency activities under this section.

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

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

11 (1) for capital expenditures; or

12 (2) to fund nonemergency activities of emergency fire-fighting  
13 personnel under AS 41.15.030.