

HOUSE BILL NO. 121

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Referred: Resources

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to the timber resources within the state."

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

3 * **Section 1.** AS 38.05 is amended by adding a new section to read:

4 Sec. 38.05.117. SALVAGE SALES. (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of
5 AS 38.05.113, the commissioner, after making a written finding that the disposal will
6 serve the best interests of the state, may offer for salvage sale timber stands that will
7 lose substantial economic value because of insect or disease epidemics or fire, if not
8 salvaged within two years. Timber on land to be cleared for conversion to nonforest
9 uses also may be offered as a salvage sale.

10 (b) A salvage sale offered as a negotiated timber sale is exempt from
11 AS 38.05.115.

12 * **Sec. 2.** AS 38.05.118(c) is amended to read:

13 (c) A sale of timber may not be negotiated by the commissioner under this
14 section except on a finding that, within an area proximate to the business site **that**
15 [WHICH] the manufacturer may economically serve, there exists, **or will exist within**

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two years,

(1) a high level of local unemployment;

(2) an underutilized timber manufacturing capacity; and

(3) an underutilized allowable cut of state timber, **timber that will lose**

substantial economic value due to insects, disease, or fire, or timber to be cleared

for the conversion of land to nonforest uses.