

HOUSE BILL NO. 121 (title am)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

**1 "An Act relating to salvage sales of state timber and to negotiated sales of state
2 timber in areas where there exists, or will exist in two years, a high level of
3 unemployment, underutilized manufacturing capacity, and an underutilized cut of
4 timber, timber that will lose substantial economic value due to insects, disease,
5 or fire, or timber to be cleared for nonforest uses."**

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

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

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

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

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

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

8 (1) a high level of local unemployment;

9 (2) an underutilized timber manufacturing capacity; and

10 (3) an underutilized allowable cut of state timber, **timber that will lose**
11 **substantial economic value due to insects, disease, or fire, or timber to be cleared**
12 **for the conversion of land to nonforest uses.**