

SENATE BILL NO. 263

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Referred: Transportation, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to secondary roads; and providing for an effective date."

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

3 * Section 1. SECONDARY ROADS. (a) The Department of Transportation and Public
4 Facilities shall adopt regulations establishing design and construction standards for secondary
5 roads that are uniform throughout the state, shall identify unimproved secondary roads, and
6 shall rank those unimproved secondary roads in the order in which they should be upgraded
7 by the department. Standards adopted for secondary roads under this subsection need not
8 conform to those adopted by the American Association of State Highway and Transportation
9 Officials.

10 (b) A municipality may request the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities
11 to transfer to the municipality the ownership of a secondary road or that portion of the road
12 that is within the boundaries of the municipality. If the secondary road meets the standards
13 established under (a) of this section, the department may transfer the road or a portion of the
14 road to the municipality. The department shall give priority to upgrading an unimproved
15 secondary road if the department receives a request for the transfer of that road or a portion

1 of the road to a municipality under this subsection.

2 (c) Appropriations may be made from federal or other funds to the Department of
3 Transportation and Public Facilities for upgrading unimproved secondary roads.

4 (d) For purposes of this section, "unimproved secondary road" means a dirt or gravel
5 road that

6 (1) is dedicated to public use;

7 (2) is used by automotive equipment;

8 (3) is under the control of the Department of Transportation and Public
9 Facilities; and

10 (4) does not meet the standards established under (a) of this section.

11 * **Sec. 2.** This Act is repealed June 30, 2003.

12 * **Sec. 3.** This Act takes effect July 1, 1998.