

**HOUSE BILL NO. 432**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

**BY REPRESENTATIVE HARRIS**

**Introduced: 2/15/02**

**Referred: Resources, Finance**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to the labeling of animal and poultry feeds and to the agriculture**  
2 **program coordinator; and providing for an effective date."**

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

4 **\* Section 1.** AS 03.50.010(a) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

5 (7) adopt regulations under AS 44.62 (Administrative Procedure Act)  
6 establishing requirements for the labeling of animal and poultry feeds that are  
7 compatible with federal law and the laws of other states.

8 **\* Sec. 2.** AS 03.60 is amended by adding a new section to read:

9 **Sec. 03.60.006. Agriculture program coordinator.** The commissioner shall  
10 appoint an agriculture program coordinator. The agriculture program coordinator is in  
11 the classified service. The coordinator has the following responsibilities:

12 (1) to carry out the provisions of AS 03.58 (organic foods);  
13 (2) to facilitate and monitor the production and sale of organic foods in  
14 the state;

1                   (3) to seek funding through grants and cooperative efforts with other  
2 agencies for organic foods programs and weed management programs in the state;

3                   (4) to control and eradicate the spread of obnoxious weeds as required  
4 under AS 44.37.030(5);

5                   (5) to exercise the powers under AS 03.05.010 that relate to the  
6 management of noxious or invasive plant species;

7                   (6) to develop and distribute educational materials focused on  
8 increasing public awareness of problems associated with noxious or invasive plant  
9 species and to help control those species;

10                  (7) to collect and maintain data on noxious and invasive plant species  
11 and to coordinate state, federal, local, and private management efforts;

12                  (8) to assist in developing and supporting plant management areas and  
13 chemical and integrated pest management programs to control noxious and invasive  
14 plant species; and

15                  (9) to enforce the requirements for labeling animal and poultry feeds  
16 adopted under AS 03.05.010(a)(7).

17 \* **Sec. 3.** This Act takes effect July 1, 2002.