

SENATE BILL NO. 353

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

BY THE SENATE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Introduced: 3/27/02
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 03.05.010(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.