

HOUSE BILL NO. 215

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Referred: State Affairs, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act repealing statutes that relate to art works in public buildings and facilities and**
2 **that require a set percentage of construction costs to be spent on art."**

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

4 *** Section 1.** AS 44.27.050 is amended to read:

5 **Sec. 44.27.050. Duties of council.** The duties of the council are

6 (1) to stimulate and encourage throughout the state the study and
7 presentation of the performing, visual, and fine arts and public interest and
8 participation;

9 (2) to make surveys, which are considered advisable, of public and
10 private institutions engaged in the state in artistic and cultural activities, including but
11 not limited to music, theatre, dance, painting, sculpture, architecture, and allied arts
12 and crafts, and to make recommendations concerning appropriate methods to
13 encourage participation in and appreciation of the arts to meet the legitimate needs and
14 aspirations of persons in all parts of the state;

1 (3) to take steps necessary and appropriate to encourage public interest
2 in the cultural heritage of the state and to expand the state's cultural resources;

3 (4) to encourage and assist freedom of artistic expression essential for
4 the **well-being** [WELL BEING] of the arts; **and**

5 (5) [TO MANAGE THE ART IN PUBLIC PLACES FUND];

6 (6) to administer the provisions of AS 45.65 relating to the
7 identification seal for authentic Native handicrafts made in the state and adopt
8 regulations to carry out those provisions.

9 * **Sec. 2.** AS 44.27.052(a) is amended to read:

10 (a) The council may

11 (1) hold public and private hearings;

12 (2) enter into contracts, within the limit of funds available, with
13 individuals, organizations, and institutions for services furthering the educational
14 objectives of the council's programs;

15 (3) enter into contracts, within the limit of funds available, with local
16 and regional associations for cooperative endeavors furthering the educational
17 objectives of the council's programs;

18 (4) accept gifts, contributions, and bequests of unrestricted funds from
19 individuals, foundations, corporations, and other organizations or institutions for the
20 purpose of furthering the educational objectives of the council's programs; and

21 (5) make and sign agreements and do and perform any acts necessary
22 to carry out the purposes of **AS 44.27.040 - 44.27.058** [AS 44.27.040 - 44.27.060].

23 * **Sec. 3.** AS 44.35.030 is amended to read:

24 **Sec. 44.35.030. Construction of memorials to Alaska veterans.** The
25 Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs may construct memorials to Alaska
26 veterans. A memorial constructed under this section is not subject to AS 35.15 [OR
27 AS 35.27].

28 * **Sec. 4.** AS 35.27.010, 35.27.020, 35.27.030; and AS 44.27.060 are repealed.

29 * **Sec. 5.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
30 read:

31 **WINDING-UP PROVISION.** The Alaska State Council on the Arts shall continue to

1 manage the art in public places fund created under former AS 44.27.060(a), repealed by sec. 4
2 of this Act, for the purposes specified in former AS 44.27.060(c), repealed by sec. 4 of this
3 Act, until the balance of the fund is exhausted.