

**HOUSE BILL NO. 467**

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

**BY REPRESENTATIVE ANDERSON**

**Introduced: 2/16/04**

**Referred: State Affairs, Labor and Commerce**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act establishing an Alaska Commemorative Coin Commission to develop the**  
2 **design concepts and to make recommendations regarding the final design of the Alaska**  
3 **quarter under the 50 States Commemorative Coin Program Act; and providing for an**  
4 **effective date."**

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

6 \* **Section 1.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section  
7 to read:

8 PURPOSE OF THE ACT. (a) On December 1, 1997, the United States Congress  
9 enacted the 50 States Commemorative Coin Program Act, P.L. 105-124. The Act created the  
10 50 State Quarters Program, a 10-year program under which a design honoring each state is  
11 placed on the reverse side of the United States quarter. A quarter honoring the State of  
12 Alaska is scheduled to be issued in 2008.

13 (b) As part of the selection process, the United States Secretary of the Treasury and  
14 the United States Mint have requested that each state governor conduct a concept selection

1 process and provide the United States Mint with at least three, but not more than five,  
 2 narrative design concepts for the Alaska quarter. Based on the narrative design concepts  
 3 submitted by the State of Alaska, the United States Mint will produce original artwork  
 4 embodying each concept. A Citizens Commemorative Coin Advisory Committee and the  
 5 United States Commission of Fine Arts will review the designs and make recommendations.  
 6 After approval of the designs by the Secretary of the Treasury, the designs are to be presented  
 7 to the state. As provided in the 50 States Commemorative Coin Program Act, the governor  
 8 will then recommend the final design to the Secretary of the Treasury, with the secretary  
 9 having final approval.

10 (c) This Act establishes an Alaska Commemorative Coin Commission to develop the  
 11 narrative design concepts to be presented to the United States Mint and to make  
 12 recommendations to the governor regarding the final design of the Alaska quarter.

13 \* **Sec. 2.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
 14 read:

15 ALASKA COMMEMORATIVE COIN COMMISSION. (a) The Alaska  
 16 Commemorative Coin Commission is established. The commission consists of 11 members,  
 17 determined as follows:

18 (1) the governor shall appoint six public members to the commission, of  
 19 whom

20 (A) one member shall be appointed from a list prepared and submitted  
 21 by the Alaska State Council on the Arts;

22 (B) one member shall, at the time of appointment, be a student in a  
 23 public or private secondary school in the state, appointed from a list prepared and  
 24 submitted by the State Board of Education and Early Development;

25 (C) one member shall be a resident of and be appointed from each of  
 26 the four judicial districts in the state; and

27 (2) the speaker of the house shall appoint one member of the house of  
 28 representatives who is a member of the majority caucus and one member of the house of  
 29 representatives who is a member of the minority caucus, in consultation with the leadership of  
 30 that caucus;

31 (3) the president of the senate shall appoint one member of the senate who is a

1 member of the majority caucus and one member of the senate who is a member of the  
2 minority caucus, in consultation with the leadership of that caucus; and

3 (4) the governor or the governor's designee.

4 (b) The governor shall designate the chair and vice-chair of the commission.

5 (c) If a member of the commission resigns or is otherwise unable to perform the  
6 duties of a member of the commission, then the officer responsible for appointing that  
7 member shall appoint a replacement member as soon as possible.

8 (d) Members of the commission are entitled to the expenses, travel, and per diem  
9 allowances provided by law.

10 (e) A majority of the members of the commission constitutes a quorum. The  
11 commission shall attempt to operate by consensus, but the commission may approve  
12 measures, make recommendations, and take other action based on a vote of a majority of the  
13 quorum that is present.

14 (f) The commission expires when the United States Secretary of the Treasury  
15 approves the final design for the Alaska quarter.

16 \* **Sec. 3.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
17 read:

18 **ALASKA COMMEMORATIVE COIN SELECTION PROCESS.** (a) The Office of  
19 the Governor shall initiate a public process to solicit narrative design concepts for the Alaska  
20 quarter from the public. The solicitation must provide for submission of design concepts by a  
21 date certain. The Office of the Governor may delegate the duty set out in this subsection to  
22 the Alaska Commemorative Coin Commission.

23 (b) The commission shall set out a procedure for the review and consideration of all  
24 narrative design concepts that it receives. By a time to be specified by the United States Mint,  
25 the commission shall submit to the United States Mint not less than three, nor more than five,  
26 design concepts for the Alaska quarter. The commission may edit or revise any of the  
27 narratives if it chooses to do so. Each narrative must explain why the concept submitted is  
28 emblematic of the State of Alaska and what the concept represents to the people of the State  
29 of Alaska.

30 (c) When the United States Mint provides the State of Alaska with its final designs,  
31 the commission shall reconvene to review the designs and to make final recommendations to

1 the governor for the design of the Alaska quarter. The commission's final recommendations  
2 are subject to approval by the governor.

3 (d) In its deliberations under this section, the commission shall bear in mind that the  
4 calendar year in which the Alaska quarter is to be issued will coincide with events leading to  
5 celebration of the 50th anniversary of Alaska statehood.

6 (e) The Office of the Governor shall provide the commission with all reasonable and  
7 necessary staff support, but the governor may delegate or assign this obligation to another  
8 agency.

9 \* **Sec. 4.** Sections 1 - 3 of this Act are repealed January 1, 2009.

10 \* **Sec. 5.** This Act takes effect January 1, 2005.