

HOUSE BILL NO. 178

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Introduced: 3/5/07

Referred: Health, Education and Social Services, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to the Governor's Committee on Employment of People with
2 Disabilities; and providing for an effective date."

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

4 * **Section 1.** AS 23.15.220 is amended to read:

5 **Sec. 23.15.220. Purpose.** The purpose of AS 23.15.220 - 23.15.320 is to create
6 a governor's committee on employment **and rehabilitation** of people with disabilities
7 for Alaska to carry on a continuing program to promote the employment of people of
8 the state with disabilities by creating statewide interest in the rehabilitation and
9 employment of people with disabilities, and by obtaining and maintaining cooperation
10 with public and private groups and individuals in this field.

11 * **Sec. 2.** AS 23.15.230 is amended to read:

12 **Sec. 23.15.230. Appointment of committee.** The governor's committee
13 consists of [NOT MORE THAN 12] members appointed by the governor for
14 staggered terms not exceeding three years. **The number of members and**

1 **composition of the committee must be consistent with the requirements of 29**
 2 **U.S.C. 725, as amended** [THE COMMITTEE SHALL BE COMPOSED OF STATE
 3 LEADERS OF INDUSTRY, BUSINESS, AGRICULTURE, LABOR, VETERANS,
 4 WOMEN, RELIGIOUS, EDUCATIONAL, CIVIC, FRATERNAL, WELFARE,
 5 SCIENTIFIC, MILITARY, MEDICAL, AND OTHER PROFESSIONS, OR AS
 6 MANY OF THESE AND LIKE CATEGORIES AS MAY BE FEASIBLY
 7 REPRESENTED]. A member may be reappointed and a vacancy shall be filled by the
 8 governor.

9 * **Sec. 3.** AS 23.15.240 is amended to read:

10 **Sec. 23.15.240. Selection [APPOINTMENT] and term of chair.** The **chair**
 11 **shall be selected by the members of the committee from among the voting**
 12 **members of the committee, subject to the disapproval of the governor. The chair**
 13 **shall serve** [GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT A CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE
 14 WHO SERVES AS CHAIR] for one year or until a successor is **selected**
 15 [APPOINTED].

16 * **Sec. 4.** AS 23.15.260 is amended to read:

17 **Sec. 23.15.260. Meetings.** The committee shall meet **at least once each**
 18 **quarter** [ANNUALLY], but, at the request of the governor, special meetings may be
 19 called. **Members may participate in quarterly meetings telephonically, except that**
 20 **for at least one meeting each year, all members shall attend the meeting in**
 21 **person.**

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

24 REVISOR'S INSTRUCTION. The revisor of statutes is requested to change the
 25 heading of art. 2 of AS 23.15 from "Governor's Committee on Employment of People with
 26 Disabilities" to "Governor's Committee on Employment and Rehabilitation of People with
 27 Disabilities."

28 * **Sec. 6.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).