

**CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 273(FIN)**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

**BY THE HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**Offered: 3/19/10**

**Referred: Rules**

**Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES PEGGY WILSON, Thomas**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to general grant land entitlements for the City and Borough of**  
2 **Wrangell and for the Haines Borough; and providing for an effective date."**

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

4 **\* Section 1.** AS 29.65.010(a) is amended to read:

5 (a) The general grant land entitlement of each of the municipalities in this  
6 subsection is the amount set out opposite each:

- 7 (1) Municipality of Anchorage - 44,893 acres;  
8 (2) City and Borough of Juneau - 19,584 acres;  
9 (3) City and Borough of Sitka - 10,500 acres;  
10 (4) Bristol Bay Borough - 2,898 acres;  
11 (5) Fairbanks North Star Borough - 112,000 acres;  
12 (6) Haines Borough - 2,800 acres;  
13 (7) Kenai Peninsula Borough - 155,780 acres;  
14 (8) Ketchikan Gateway Borough - 11,593 acres;

- 1 (9) Kodiak Island Borough - 56,500 acres;  
 2 (10) Lake and Peninsula Borough - 125,000 acres;  
 3 (11) Matanuska-Susitna Borough - 355,210 acres;  
 4 (12) North Slope Borough - 89,850 acres;  
 5 (13) City and Borough of Yakutat - 21,500 acres;  
 6 **(14) City and Borough of Wrangell - 9,006 acres;**  
 7 **(15) Haines Borough - 3,167 acres.**

8 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 29.65.040(c) is amended to read:

9 (c) Land may be selected or nominated for selection by a municipality to  
 10 satisfy a general grant land entitlement under former AS 29.18.201 and 29.18.202 at  
 11 any time before October 1, 1980. Land may be selected or nominated for selection by  
 12 a municipality to satisfy a general grant land entitlement under AS 29.65.010(a)(1) -  
 13 (9), (11), or (12) at any time before October 1, 1990. Land may be selected or  
 14 nominated for selection by a municipality to satisfy a general grant land entitlement  
 15 under AS 29.65.010(a)(10) at any time before October 1, 1996. Land may be selected  
 16 or nominated for selection by a municipality to satisfy a general grant land entitlement  
 17 under AS 29.65.010(a)(13) at any time before October 1, 1999. **Land may be selected**  
 18 **or nominated for selection by a municipality to satisfy a general grant land**  
 19 **entitlement under AS 29.65.010(a)(14) or (15) at any time before October 1, 2011.**  
 20 However, if a municipal selection or nomination or a part of a municipal selection or  
 21 nomination is rejected by the director, the municipality may, not later than 90 days  
 22 after receipt of the rejection or final decision on an appeal filed under  
 23 AS 29.65.050(d), select additional state land as necessary to satisfy its entitlement.

24 \* **Sec. 3.** AS 29.65.050(c) is amended to read:

25 (c) The director shall approve or disapprove each selection for patent within  
 26 nine months of its selection by a municipality. Before a decision is issued, the  
 27 Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development shall review the  
 28 selection and recommend approval or disapproval of it. The director may disapprove a  
 29 selection only upon a finding that the public interest in retaining state ownership of the  
 30 land outweighs the municipality's interest in obtaining the land. If the director  
 31 determines that the public interest in land selected in satisfaction of an entitlement

1 under AS 29.65.010(a)(13), (14), or (15) can be adequately protected by issuing a  
2 patent that is subject to stipulations, conditions, or covenants, and if the municipality  
3 agrees to accept the land subject to those stipulations, conditions, or covenants, the  
4 director may approve a selection that would otherwise be disapproved and may issue  
5 the patent with the stipulations, conditions, or covenants agreed to by the municipality.  
6 A patent shall be issued to the municipality for land selected in satisfaction of a  
7 general grant land entitlement vested under AS 29.65.010 - 29.65.030 within three  
8 months after approval by the director of a plat of survey.

9 \* **Sec. 4.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).