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HOUSE BILL NO. 98

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIRST SESSION

A BILL

For an Act Entitled: "An Act authorizing the operation of car ferries and other ferry services, providing for the rates to be charged for such services, and the disposition of funds therefrom, and restricting competition with privately operated services, and declaring an emergency."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA:

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the Highway Engineer for the Territory of Alaska under the direction of the Territorial Board of Road Commissioners to purchase, construct, repair, sell, and operate car ferries or other forms of ferry service where such ferries or ferry service is determined by the Territorial Board of Road Commissioners to be desirable for the purpose of connecting various portions of the highway system of the Territory of Alaska. In operating such car ferries or ferry services, such Territorial Board of Road Commissioners shall prescribe such rates as shall be determined to be reasonable considering the cost and nature of the service performed, and the maximum utilization of the services to enhance the economy, promote the development of industry, and encourage the tourist business to the communities served.

Section 2. All revenues received from the operation of car ferries or ferry service shall be deposited in the special fund

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1 known as the "Roads, Airfields, Water and Harbor Facilities Fund"  
2 and shall be expended in the same manner as provided for the  
3 balance of such fund.

4 Section 3. In furnishing car ferry or other ferry services,  
5 the Board of Road Commissioners shall give due consideration to  
6 privately operated services, and no services shall be provided  
7 hereunder in direct competition with any privately operated  
8 service previously established. The car ferry and other ferry  
9 services operated by the Board under this Act shall be terminated  
10 upon satisfactory evidence being furnished to the Board of Road  
11 Commissioners that a privately operated service is able and  
12 ready to furnish reasonably equivalent services at reasonably  
13 equivalent rates on a continuous basis after giving due consid-  
14 eration to seasonal weather, traffic offered, and other  
15 operating conditions.

16 Section 4. An emergency is hereby declared to exist and  
17 this Act shall take effect immediately upon its passage and  
18 approval.  
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