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IN THE HOUSE

HOUSE BILL NO. *172*

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SECOND SESSION

A BILL

For an Act entitled: "An Act to Create the Alaska Safety Council."

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

Section 1. Short Title. This Act may be referred to as the "Alaska Safety Council Act of 1955."

Section 2. Intent. It is hereby found by the Legislature that preventable accidents are the leading cause of death in Alaska, accounting for 1183 deaths or nearly one-fifth of all deaths in the past 5 year period; that accidents cause nearly one fourth of all deaths of the white race in Alaska and as high as 82 per cent of all deaths in certain age groups; that the proportion of accidental deaths to all deaths is three times as high in Alaska as in the United States where intensive accident prevention campaigns are being conducted; that an unknown but proportionately as great a loss is sustained in Alaska due to non fatal accidents.

For these reasons it is hereby found and declared to be necessary to create an Alaska Safety Council with the authority and responsibility to undertake a program to reduce the incidence of preventable accidents in Alaska.

Section 3. Alaska Safety Council Authorized. The Governor of Alaska is hereby authorized to form the Alaska Safety Council by appointment of such members as he may desire, from among the agencies and departments of Territorial Government, representatives of Federal Departments and agencies in Alaska, that are concerned with prevention of accidents, and representatives of municipal

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1 government and members of the public.

2 Section 4. The Governor shall serve as Chairman of the Council.

3 He may designate such person or persons in his office as he may
4 desire to serve as staff coordinator for the Council program and
5 He may call upon the departments, agencies and commissions of
6 the Territorial Government to furnish such advice and assistance
7 in carrying out the purposes of this Act as he may find necessary.

8 An Executive Board, of which the Governor shall be chairman, ad-
9 visory and publicity committees and other divisions and committees
10 as are needed to properly carry out the purpose and intent of this
11 Act, may be created within the Council membership.

12 Section 5. Purposes and Powers. The Council shall study
13 ways and means for prevention of accidents to persons on the
14 streets and highways, in and on the water, in aircraft usage,
15 in homes, on the farms, at schools, industrial and commercial
16 plants, and in public places; shall plan and execute safety pro-
17 grams, including educational campaigns, designed to reduce acci-
18 dents in every field of activity; shall work in cooperation with
19 official and unofficial organizations and instrumentalities within
20 Alaska which are interested in the promotion of safety to the end
21 that all possible resources shall be marshalled and utilized to
22 reduce the menace of accidental death and injury; shall work toward
23 obtaining better observance and enforcement of laws governing street
24 and highway traffic, and shall assist in bringing about, wherever
25 feasible, the application of further modern engineering measures
26 for the prevention of traffic accidents; shall advise with the
27 public agencies having responsibilities for safeguarding the
28 people against accidents, and especially with the Highway Engineer,
29 the Superintendent of Police, Commissioner of Education, Commissioner

1 of labor, the official in charge of issuance of vehicle opera-
2 tors' licenses, the Commissioner of Agriculture, the Director
3 of Civil Defense, the Commissioner of Health and the heads or
4 representatives of such federal departments and agencies operat-
5 ing in Alaska as are particularly concerned with safety programs
6 and accident prevention.

7 Section 6. Report to Legislature. On or before the fifth
8 day of each regular Legislative Session the Governor shall sub-
9 mit to the Legislature a report showing the status of the Council's
10 organization, its activities during the biennium, and the accomplish-
11 ments in Alaska toward reductions in accidents of all types,
12 recommendations for legislation, together with a plan for the
13 Council's proposed safety program during the ensuing biennium.
14 Copies of the report shall be made available for public information.

15 Section 7. Employees. Persons employed at any time on either
16 full or part time basis shall be under the direct control of the
17 Governor until such time as an Executive Board may be formed, at
18 which time all employees shall be under the direct control of the
19 Executive Board, except that any personnel of the Governor's staff
20 or office designated to assist in performing Council objectives
21 shall remain under the supervision and control of the Governor.

22 Section 8. Cooperation. Directors of the several agencies of
23 the government of Alaska shall cooperate with the council in carry-
24 ing forward its program of safety activities, shall make avail-
25 able information needed by the Council relative to the accident
26 problems and methods employed or recommended for accident pre-
27 vention; and at their discretion said directors may from time to
28 time loan such personnel as may be spared from their regular
29 duties for short periods, to assist in safety programs.

1 Section 9. Funds, Control of. All funds appropriated by the
2 Legislature for support of the safety council shall be under the
3 direct jurisdiction of the Governor until such time as an Executive
4 Board shall be established, from which time they shall be under
5 the control of the Executive Board, and all expenditures of said
6 funds shall be covered by vouchers in the manner required by law
7 or the certifying officer of Alaska.

8 Section 10. Contributions, Right to Accept. Contributions
9 of funds, property, materials, supplies and other forms of aid may
10 be accepted by the Governor or Executive Board from business firms,
11 organized groups or individuals for furthering the safety program.

12 Section 11. Compensation. Citizen members of the council
13 shall receive no compensation for their services but transportation
14 may be furnished any member and for time actually spent at meet-
15 ings called by the Governor or the Executive Board, per diem at the
16 rates provided by law for members of Boards may be paid to members
17 who are not employes of the Federal or Territorial Government,
18 or municipalities or subdivisions thereof.

19 Section 12. Appropriation. Funds for carrying out the pro-
20 visions of this Act shall be set forth in the general appropriation
21 bill.