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IN THE SENATE

BY SENATOR BARR

SENATE BILL NO. 52

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SECOND SESSION.

A BILL

For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to qualifications of the Director of Aeronautics and the authority of the Alaska Aeronautics and Communications Commission in the establishment of airports; amending Sections 3B3 and 5A of Chapter 123, SLA 1949."

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

Section 1. Section 3B3 of Chapter 123, SLA 1949 is amended to read as follows:

3. The Director, who shall be appointed by the Commission, shall be qualified by education, training, and experience in the field of aviation to carry out his duties under this Act (AND AT LEAST FOUR YEARS OF SUCH TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE SHALL HAVE BEEN IN ALASKA) which training and experience shall include at least four years of commercial aircraft piloting in Alaska. Both the Supervisor and the Director shall, with the approval of the Commission, appoint such employees as the Commission deems necessary or advisable to carry out its powers, and prescribe their duties and fix the rate of their compensation in accordance with Territorial practices. The Commission may require any executive officer or employee under its jurisdiction to give bond for the faithful performance of his duties.

1 Section 2. Section 5A of Chapter 123 SLA 1949 is amended to
2 read as follows:

3 A. ESTABLISHMENT: OPERATION: MAINTENANCE. The Com-
4 mission is authorized on behalf of and in the name of the
5 Territory, out of appropriation and other moneys made avail-
6 able for such purposes, to plan, establish, construct, en-
7 large, improve, maintain, equip, operate, regulate protect
8 and police airports and air navigation facilities, within the
9 Territory. For such purposes the Commission may, by purchase,
10 gift, devise, lease, condemnation or otherwise, acquire
11 property, real or personal, or any interest therein including
12 easements in airport hazards or land outside the boundaries
13 of an airport or airport site, as are necessary to permit *
14 the removal, elimination, obstruction-marking or obstruction-
15 lighting of airport hazards, or to prevent the establishment
16 of airport hazards. In like manner the Commission may ac-
17 quire existing airports and air navigation facilities, pro-
18 vided, however, it shall not acquire or take over any airport
19 or air navigation facility owned or controlled by a munici-
20 pality or person without the consent of such municipality or
21 person. (,PROVIDED FURTHER, THAT THE COMMISSION SHALL NOT
22 OPERATE, EQUIP, OR MAINTAIN AIRPORTS IN, OR FOR, INCORPORA-
23 TED MUNICIPALITIES HAVING A POPULATION OF MORE THAN 600
24 PERSONS, BUT NOTHING IN THIS SECTION SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO
25 PROHIBIT THE COMMISSION FROM PROVIDING FROM FUNDS IT MAY
26 HAVE AVAILABLE FOR SUCH PURPOSES, FOR MATCHING WITH SUCH
27 MUNICIPALITY, OR OTHER FEDERAL OR TERRITORIAL AGENCIES, FOR
28 THE PURPOSE OF ASSISTING IN CONSTRUCTING, ENLARGING OR IM-
29 PROVING SUCH A MUNICIPAL AIRPORT.) The Commission shall

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also have the authority to match available funds with those of municipalities, Federal agencies or other Territorial agencies, for the purpose of assisting to construct, enlarge or improve municipal airports. Also, the Commission is authorized to assist persons (including firms, corporations and associations, as well as individuals) in the construction, enlargement and improvement of airports and air navigation facilities, provided, that such airports and facilities, until they are abandoned as such, shall be at all times available for the use of and accessible to the general public, and thus maintained as public airports and facilities.