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IN THE SENATE

BY SENATOR JONES.

SENATE BILL NO. 77

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SECOND SESSION

A BILL

For an Act entitled: "An act prohibiting the retention of lost property by finder without advertising or notifying officers; and prescribing punishment therefor."

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

Section 1. Any person who finds lost property and appropriates such property to his own use or to the use of another person not entitled thereto, without immediately or as soon thereafter as possible, advertising such fact in a paper of general circulation published nearest the place where found, and stating therein a full and true description of such property, with marks of identification, if any; or without notifying the United States Marshal or any of his deputies nearest to the place where found and giving a full and true description of said property, together with the time, place and circumstances under which found, shall be punished by imprisonment in the federal jail up to six months or by a fine not to exceed \$500.00, or both such fine and imprisonment: Provided, that the finder of such property may retain the same until reimbursed for the cost of advertising and preserving or protecting said property.

Provided further, that in the event lawful money of the United States or any other country in an amount exceeding \$5.00 is found, the finder thereof shall advertise that certain money was found without the necessity of setting forth a full

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description, the serial numbers or denomination thereof. It shall be incumbent upon the claimant of such money to prove his ownership.