

1 IN THE HOUSE

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BY REQUEST

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 96

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA

4 TWENTY-THIRD SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act establishing a Governor's Committee
7 on Employment of the Physically Handicapped
8 for Alaska; and providing the duties and
9 powers of such committee."

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

11 Section 1. PURPOSE AND INTENT. It is the purpose and in-
12 tent of this Act to establish a Governor's Committee on Employment
13 of the Physically Handicapped for Alaska to work with such
14 Governor's Committees established in various other jurisdictions
15 and with the President's Committee on the Employment of the
16 Handicapped, to give leadership to a cooperative program of
17 arousing community interest in the employment problem of the
18 physically handicapped and assisting committees in organizing to
19 meet their responsibilities.

20 Sec. 2. The Governor shall designate the first full week in
21 October of each year as National Employ the Physically Handi-
22 capped Week. During said week, appropriate ceremonies are to be
23 held throughout the Territory of Alaska, the purpose of which will
24 be to enlist public support for and interest in the employment of
25 the physically handicapped. The Governor shall issue a suitable
26 proclamation each year, and the mayors of cities, and heads of
27 other instrumentalities of government, as well as leaders of in-
28 dustry and business, educational and religious groups, labor, vet-
29 erans, women, farm, scientific and professional, and all other

1 organizations and individuals at interest are invited to partici-
2 pate.

3 Sec. 3. There is hereby established a Territorial committee
4 to be designated hereafter as the Governor's Committee on Employ-
5 ment of the Physically Handicapped for Alaska and composed of the
6 Governor, the Commissioner of Labor, the Director of Office of
7 Vocational Rehabilitation, the Director of the Employment Security
8 Commission, the Commissioner of Health, the Commissioner of Educa-
9 tion, and the Commissioner of Veterans Affairs. The Governor
10 shall appoint a Chairman who shall serve at the pleasure of the
11 Governor. The Chairman shall not be an employee of the Territorial
12 Government, and shall serve without compensation. The Chairman
13 shall be certifying and disbursing officer of the Committee and
14 shall be bonded as provided by law. The cost of said bonds shall
15 be paid out of monies appropriated for that purpose in the General
16 Appropriation Act of the Legislature.

17 Sec. 4. The Governor's Committee shall carry on a continu-
18 ing program to promote the employment of physically handicapped
19 persons by creating Territory-wide interest in the rehabilitation
20 and employment of public and private groups in this field. The
21 Governor's Committee shall work in close cooperation with the
22 President's Committee on Employment of the Physically Handicapped
23 in order to more effectively carry out the purposes of this Act
24 and with the Territorial agencies having responsibility for employ-
25 ment and rehabilitation of the handicapped.

26 Sec. 5. The Governor's Committee shall work closely with
27 local committees on employment of the physically handicapped in an
28 effort to promote acceptance of qualified handicapped workers by
29 employers and fellow workers and to inform handicapped persons of

1 job openings available to them.

2 Sec. 6. The Governor's Committee is authorized to receive
3 property of gift, devise, bequest or otherwise and to solicit
4 funds to be used in carrying out the purposes of this Act. The
5 Chairman shall be the certifying officer and shall maintain it.

6 Sec. 7. Funds to carry out the provisions of this Act may
7 be appropriated in the General Appropriations Act of the Alaska
8 Legislature.

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