

1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE  
2 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 96 BY REQUEST  
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

\* Organizations and individuals of interest are invited to participate.

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 Director of Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, the  
7 Commissioner of Labor, 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 be ex officio Chairman and shall appoint an executive secre-  
11 tary, who shall not be a member of the Board and who shall serve,  
12 without compensation, at the pleasure of the Governor. Funds  
13 appropriated to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be  
14 expended upon vouchers duly signed by the certifying and disburs-  
15 ing officer of the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation.

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

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

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