

1 IN THE SENATE

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SENATE BILL NO. 108

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA

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TWENTY-THIRD SESSION

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A BILL

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For an Act entitled: "An Act authorizing the construction and

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equipping of armories by the Alaska National

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Guard on a three-to-one (3:1) basis with

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the United States; providing for the

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financing thereof; declaring an emergency

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and providing for an effective date."

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PREAMBLE

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WHEREAS, the continuance of Federal recognition and financial

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support for the units of the Alaska National Guard is predicated

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upon the fulfillment of the Territorial obligation to provide

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adequately-needed armories for those units; and

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WHEREAS, National Guard armories may also be utilized and

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locally controlled to meet the pressing need for community centers

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for adult and youth recreation, conventions, trade events, and

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other activities contributing to a fuller social and economic

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community life; and

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WHEREAS, under the provisions of Public Law 783 (81st Con-

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gress), the Federal Government will pay 75% of the construction

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cost of basic community center armories if the Territory will

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recourse the 25% balance; and

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WHEREAS, the Federal armory program and supporting appro-

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priation will expire in Fiscal Year 1958 without benefit to

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Alaska and its communities unless the Territory takes immediate

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and affirmative action to earmark those Federal funds by adopting

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1 and financing its share of the program; and

2 WHEREAS, an emergency exists in that immediate authorization  
3 for a financing of the program is imperative in order to complete  
4 the necessary planning and other arrangements within time to take  
5 all possible advantage of the 1957 construction period; now,  
6 therefore,

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

8 Section 1. CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPPING OF COMMUNITY-CENTER  
9 ARMORIES. The Alaska National Guard is hereby authorized to  
10 construct and equip community-center armories in the following  
11 cities and at the following costs:

12	Anchorage	\$ 215,570.00
13	Bethel	222,250.00
14	Fairbanks	186,220.00
15	Homer	63,450.00
16	Juneau	287,500.00
17	Ketchikan	134,500.00
18	Nome	189,500.00
19	Kodiak (Additions)	20,000.00
20	Sitka (Renovation)	15,000.00
21	Hoona	5,000.00

22 It is the intent of the Legislature that funds be expended  
23 on a three-to-one (3:1) matching basis with the United States  
24 for basic armories; however, where deemed necessary, the unmatched  
25 portion of these monies may be expended for such additional  
26 construction and equipment as may be essential to a complete  
27 community-center armory.

28 Sec. 2. CREATION OF FUND: TRANSFER OF MONIES. There is  
29 hereby created the "National Guard Armories Construction Fund",

1 which shall be used for no other than the purposes specified in  
2 this Act. As monies become available in the Alaska World War II  
3 Veterans' Fund through the repayment of veterans' loans, such  
4 monies shall be transferred from that fund to the National Guard  
5 Armories Construction Fund, to be used to pay for the cost of  
6 constructing and equipping armories, as authorized under this  
7 Act, until the total sum of \$1,338,990.00 shall have been trans-  
8 ferred from the Alaska World War II Veterans' Fund to the  
9 National Guard Armories Construction Fund. The Treasurer of  
10 the Territory of Alaska is hereby directed to transfer said  
11 monies quarterly, not to exceed the total sum of \$1,338,990.00.  
12 After the total of \$1,338,990.00 has been so transferred, the  
13 Alaska World War II Veterans' Fund shall be terminated and all  
14 monies received through the repayment of veterans' loans there-  
15 after shall be covered into the General Fund.

16       Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. It has been found and it is  
17 declared that Federal armory grants are now available under pro-  
18 visions of Public Law 783, 81st Congress; that those grants are  
19 necessary for constructing and equipping community-center armories  
20 urgently needed in many areas of the Territory; and that the  
21 enactment of this Act would permit such grants to be obtained  
22 for that purpose. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist,  
23 and this Act being necessary for the preservation of the public  
24 peace, health and safety, shall take effect and be in force from  
25 and after the date of its approval or its becoming law without  
26 such approval.

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