

1 IN THE SENATE

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SENATE BILL NO. 124

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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 to authorize the constructing,

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altering, remodelling or equipping of

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hospital and medical facilities in the

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Territory of Alaska; authorizing a Terri-

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torial bond issue to pay for cost of such

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construction; and declaring an emergency."

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PREAMBLE

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WHEREAS, there are dangerous hospital fire hazards in some

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areas or shortages of hospital beds to provide for the care of

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the sick and the injured in other areas in the Territory of

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Alaska; and

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WHEREAS, the hospitals of Alaska are adopting the system of

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uniform accounting as prescribed by the American Hospital Associa-

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tion and in some areas are operating without a deficit; and

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WHEREAS, under the provisions of the Hospital Survey and

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Construction Act, the Federal Government is annually allocating

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\$400,000.00 to the Territory of Alaska to be utilized on a 50%

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matching basis for the constructing, altering, remodelling or

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equipping of hospitals and medical facilities (including nursing

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homes, convalescent homes, and rehabilitation centers), which

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allocated funds will start reverting to the United States Treasury

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in the absence of Territorial matching funds; and

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WHEREAS, other federal funds may be made available under the

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Alaska Public Works program for the same purposes; and

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1 WHEREAS, there are existing fire hazards or overcrowded
2 hospitals, or both, in which the sick and the injured in Alaska
3 cannot be assured safe hospital care; and

4 WHEREAS, an emergency exists and immediate authorization for
5 financing the hospital and medical facilities construction program
6 in the Territory of Alaska is so imperative to provide minimum
7 standards of safe hospital care to the sick and the injured of the
8 Territory and to utilize that portion of the Federal matching
9 funds to complete the necessary planning and other arrangements
10 within time to take all possible advantage of the aforesaid
11 Federal matching funds which funds will revert on June 30, 1957,
12 June 30, 1958, and June 30, 1959, now therefore,

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

14 Section 1. INTENT OF THE LEGISLATURE. It is the intent of
15 the Legislature that proceeds of the bond issue hereinafter
16 authorized to carry out the provisions of this Act be expended
17 when possible on a 50% matching basis to the extent of Federal
18 funds available, for such new-constructing, altering, remodelling
19 or equipping of hospitals and medical facilities (including nurs-
20 ing homes, convalescent homes and rehabilitation centers) as may
21 be essential to discharge the Territory's obligation for the care
22 of the sick and the injured and to provide urgently needed
23 hospital beds and correct dangerous hospital fire hazards
24 presently existing in the Territory.

25 Sec. 2. TITLE TO ALL FACILITIES VESTS IN THE TERRITORY;
26 AUTHORITY TO LEASE AND GRANT OPTIONS TO PURCHASE. Title to any
27 hospital and medical facility, or addition to any hospital or
28 medical facility, constructed pursuant to this Act shall remain
29 in the Territory. Provided, however, that the Board of Health is

1 hereby granted authority, under such terms and conditions as it
2 deems to be in the best interests of Alaska, to: (1) enter into
3 long-term leases with any public or private hospital for the
4 operation of such facility or addition constructed, altered,
5 remodelled or equipped under the provisions of this Act, or (2)
6 grant an option to purchase such facility or addition at cost plus
7 reasonable interest.

8 Sec. 3. BOND AUTHORIZATION. In accordance with appropriate
9 Territorial enabling legislation enacted pursuant to Public Law
10 516, 84th Congress, Chapter 248, 2nd Session, a \$4,500,000.00 bond
11 issue is hereby authorized to carry out the provisions of this Act.
12 The proceeds from said bond issue shall be made available to the
13 Board of Health and is to be expended by them to carry out the
14 provisions of this Act.

15 Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. An emergency is hereby declared to
16 exist and this Act shall be in full force and effect from and
17 after the date of its passage and approval.
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