

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE
BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

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HOUSE BILL NO. 289

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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A BILL

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For an Act entitled: "An Act establishing a Governor's Committee
7 on Employment of the Handicapped for Alaska;
8 providing the duties and powers of such
9 committee; and repealing Ch. 77, SLA 1957."

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

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Section 1. The purpose of this Act is to create a Governor's
Committee on Employment of the Handicapped for Alaska, to carry on
a continuing program to promote the employment of the physically,
mentally, emotionally, and otherwise handicapped citizens of Alaska
by creating statewide interest in the rehabilitation and employment
of the handicapped, and by obtaining and maintaining cooperation
with all public and private groups and individuals in this field.
The Governor's Committee shall work in close cooperation with local
committees and with the President's Committee on Employment of the
Physically Handicapped to more effectively carry out the purpose
of this Act, and with State and Federal agencies having responsi-
bilities for employment and rehabilitation of the handicapped.

Sec. 2. The Governor's Committee shall consist of not more
than twelve members composed of state leaders of industry, bus-
iness, agriculture, labor, veterans, women, religious, educational,
civic, fraternal, welfare, scientific, military, medical and other
professions, or as many of these and like categories as may be
feasibly represented, who shall be appointed by the Governor for
a term not to exceed three years, provided that the initial

1 members of the board shall be appointed for terms of one, two,
2 and three years as designated by the Governor. Members may be
3 reappointed and vacancies shall be filled by the Governor. A
4 chairman shall be appointed by the Governor and shall serve for
5 a term of one year or until a successor is named. Members of
6 the Committee shall receive no compensation for service on the
7 Committee but shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses. The
8 Committee shall meet semiannually, but at the request of the
9 Governor special meetings may be called.

10 Sec. 3. The State vocational rehabilitation agency, the
11 State Employment Service, the State Department of Health and
12 Welfare, and such other State agencies as the Committee may
13 name, shall each designate an appropriate staff member who shall
14 meet with the Committee and act in an advisory capacity. The
15 Federal Veteran's Employment Service and the Veteran's Adminis-
16 tration shall each be invited to designate a member of their
17 respective staffs to serve in a like capacity with the Committee.
18 Agencies of the State shall provide such assistance to the Com-
19 mittee as may be requested by the Committee to aid it in accom-
20 plishing the purposes of this Act.

21 Sec. 4. The Governor shall each year issue a suitable
22 proclamation designating the first full week in October as
23 National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week. During said
24 week, appropriate ceremonies are to be held throughout the State
25 of Alaska, the purpose of which will be to enlist public support
26 for, and interest in the employment of, the physically handicapped.
27 The mayors of cities, and heads of other instrumentalities of
28 government, as well as leaders of industry and business, edu-
29 cational and religious groups, labor, veterans, women, farm,

1 scientific and professional, and all other interested organiza-
2 tions and individuals shall be invited to participate.

3 Sec. 5. Funds to carry out the provisions of this Act
4 shall be appropriated, expended and accounted for through the
5 same procedures as funds for operation of the State Department
6 of Labor.

7 Sec. 6. The Governor's Committee is authorized to receive
8 property by gift, devise, bequest or otherwise to carry out the
9 purposes of this Act.

10 Sec. 7. The Committee shall report annually to the
11 Governor its activities during the preceding year.

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