

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE
BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 289

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 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."

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

11 Section 1. The purpose of this Act is to create a Governor's
12 Committee on Employment of the Handicapped for Alaska, to carry on
13 a continuing program to promote the employment of the handicapped
14 citizens of Alaska by creating statewide interest in the rehabili-
15 tation and employment of the handicapped, and by obtaining and
16 maintaining cooperation with all public and private groups and
17 individuals in this field. The Governor's Committee shall work
18 in close cooperation with local committees and with the President's
19 Committee on Employment of the Physically Handicapped to more
20 effectively carry out the purpose of this Act, and with State and
21 Federal agencies having responsibilities for employment and
22 rehabilitation of the handicapped.

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

1 members of the board shall be appointed for terms of one, two, and
2 three years as designated by the Governor. Members may be re-
3 appointed and vacancies shall be filled by the Governor. A chair-
4 man shall be appointed by the Governor and shall serve for a term
5 of one year or until a successor is named. Members of the
6 Committee shall receive no compensation for service on the Commit-
7 tee but shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses in accordance
8 with existing law. The Committee shall meet semiannually, but at
9 the request of the 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 name,
13 shall each designate an appropriate staff member who shall meet
14 with the Committee and act in an advisory capacity. The Federal
15 Veteran's Employment Service and the Veteran's Administration
16 shall each be invited to designate a member of their respective
17 staffs to serve in a like capacity with the Committee. Agencies
18 of the State shall provide such assistance to the Committee as may
19 be requested by the Committee to aid it in accomplishing the
20 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 week,
24 appropriate ceremonies are to be held throughout the State of
25 Alaska, the purpose of which will be to enlist public support for,
26 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, education-
29 al and religious groups, labor, veterans, women, farm, scientific

1 and professional, and all other interested organizations and
2 individuals shall be invited to participate.

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