

1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE BILL NO. 388

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act authorizing the Governor of Alaska
7 to expend monies and extend the credit of
8 the state in meeting natural disasters;
9 and providing for an effective date."

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

11 Section 1. In the event that the health, welfare, or safety
12 of the population of any area of the state should be endangered
13 by the happening of a natural disaster, the governor is authorized
14 to declare such area an emergency relief area and to provide such
15 emergency relief as may be needed.

16 Sec. 2. In providing emergency relief in cases of natural
17 disaster the governor may withdraw necessary amounts from general
18 fund balances that are not otherwise encumbered, allocated, or
19 appropriated. If there are no general fund balances available
20 when needed, the governor may borrow against the credit of the
21 state to meet the needs arising from the natural disaster. The
22 expenditures authorized by this Act are in addition to any amounts
23 appropriated by the legislature, but in no event shall they exceed
24 \$100,000 in any one case of natural disaster.

25 Sec. 3. For the purposes of this Act:

26 a. "Natural disaster" includes, but is not limited to,
27 floods, storms, earthquakes, landslides, explosions, fires, and
28 epidemics.

29 b. "Emergency relief" includes food, shelter, clothing,

1 medical care, and other aid necessary to prevent death, disease,
2 and suffering.

3 Sec. 4. This Act takes effect on the day after its passage
4 and approval or on the day it becomes law without such approval.
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