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IN THE HOUSE BY MESSRS. BINKLEY AND REED

HOUSE BILL NO. 97

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

A BILL

For an Act entitled: "An Act establishing a tourist attraction development program; and providing for an effective date."

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

Section 1. Any political subdivision of the state, and any non-profit organization certified as qualified by the director of the division of tourism and economic development, Department of Commerce, is eligible to apply for and receive tourist attraction development matching money from the state.

Sec. 2. Tourist attraction development matching money may be secured by such subdivisions and organizations for the purpose of developing such tourist attractions of historical or contemporary interest as are found to be worthwhile by the director of tourism and economic development. Tourist attraction development may include the production, preservation and display of historical documents, totem poles, historical markers, Native dances, regular shows, Native handicrafts and art, and any other worthwhile tourist attraction dealing with Alaskan history or culture.

Sec. 3. Any subdivision or organization found qualified to participate under the terms of this Act may receive one dollar in state matching money for each dollar expended by the subdivision or organization for tourist attractions, within the limits of available state appropriations and considering the needs of other qualified subdivisions and organizations.

1           Sec. 4. This Act shall be administered by the director of  
2 the division of tourism and economic development. The director  
3 shall require that all participating subdivisions and organiza-  
4 tions submit complete reports covering the expenditure of state  
5 matching money.

6           Sec. 5. Appropriations to carry out this Act shall be made  
7 from the general fund.

8           Sec. 6. This Act takes effect on the day after its passage  
9 and approval or on the day it becomes law without such approval.

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