

1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE BILL NO. 158

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act to provide additional employment
7 opportunities; and providing for an effective
8 date."

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

10 Section 1. PURPOSE OF ACT. The purpose of this Act is to
11 provide additional employment opportunities for resident Alaskans
12 in areas of unemployment.

13 Sec. 2. LABOR SURPLUS AREAS. a. The Commissioner of Labor
14 shall from time to time designate areas of labor surplus in Alaska
15 (1) where unemployment exists in excess of 5% of the labor force,
16 or (2) where chronic unemployment exists.

17 b. Every employer, other than the Federal Government, shall
18 recruit all of its personnel from areas of labor surplus in Alaska,
19 up to at least 80% of its total complement of employees in Alaska,
20 until all qualified resident persons actively seeking work are
21 employed.

22 Sec. 3. ENFORCEMENT OF ACT. a. An aggrieved person may
23 appeal to the Commissioner of Labor to enforce the provisions of
24 this Act, under such procedure as the Commissioner of Labor may
25 provide. In enforcing the provisions of this Act, the Commissioner
26 of Labor may order an employer to hire a person, with back wages
27 for the period of employment wrongfully withheld. The employer
28 may appeal to the Superior Court within twenty days of the order,
29 and obtain a stay of the order from the Commissioner of Labor.

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b. The Commissioner of Labor may adopt necessary rules and regulations in the application and enforcement of this Act.

Sec. 4. EXCEPTIONS. This Act shall not apply to any employer where a per-hire contract which is allowable under the National Labor Relations Act, as amended, is in force between the employer and unions holding jurisdiction of the work.

Sec. 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect on the day after its passage and approval or on the day it becomes law without such approval.