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2 HOUSE BILL NO. 81

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act transferring rural development
7 functions from the Local Affairs Agency to
8 the Department of Public Works; and pro-
9 viding for an effective date."

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

11 * Section 1. AS 44.43 is amended by adding a new section to
12 read:

13 Sec. 44.43.023. PROMOTION OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT. (a)

14 The Department of Public Works has the following powers
15 and duties:

16 (1) to define the areas of the state which are
17 rural and remote, and initiate surveys and investigations
18 of the social and economic conditions of these areas to
19 determine the need for expansion of economic opportunities
20 and the improvement of living conditions and community
21 life;

22 (2) to coordinate the administration of emer-
23 gency relief, surplus food distribution, or other public
24 assistance programs except the regular relief and assist-
25 ance programs of the state and federal government;

26 (3) to formulate and conduct a program of public
27 work for the construction of basic facilities which will
28 contribute to the improvement of the standards of living,
29 health, welfare and economic security while providing

1 employment, earnings and income in the rural areas;

2 (4) to formulate a coordinated program to pro-
3 mote a broadening and diversification of the economic base
4 of rural areas;

5 (5) to promote programs for the training and
6 education of the residents of rural and remote areas
7 directed to expanding opportunities for employment and
8 improvement of living conditions;

9 (6) to apply for, to contract with, and accept
10 from the federal government or other public or private
11 agencies, gifts, grants and other assistance; the depart-
12 ment may use gifts, grants, and assistance subject to
13 reasonable limitations imposed by the grantor;

14 (7) to acquire real and personal property and
15 to dispose of it by transfer to other state agencies, or
16 by sale or gift to other public agencies or nonprofit
17 associations if it serves the purposes of this section;

18 (8) to administer the rural development fund in
19 accordance with and to carry out the purposes of this sec-
20 tion of this chapter, and to make allotment or transfer
21 money to other state agencies;

22 (9) to employ necessary personnel;

23 (10) to adopt regulations to carry out this
24 section.

25 (b) As used in this section

26 (1) "remote area" means a subregion, area or
27 locality which is not accessible by a road connected with
28 the main highway system of the state, the line of the
29 Alaska Railroad, or a regular port of call of a steamship

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line operating between the state and the continental
United States;

(2) "rural" means an unincorporated place having
a population of not more than 500 persons.

* Sec. 2. AS 44.19.220 - 44.19.240 are repealed.

* Sec. 3. This Act takes effect on July 1, 1963.