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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 370

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act to provide for landscaping and  
7 enhancement of scenic beauty along state  
8 highways; and providing for an effective  
9 date."

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

11 \* Section 1. AS 19 is amended by adding a new chapter to  
12 read:

13 CHAPTER 22.

14 LANDSCAPING AND SCENIC ENHANCEMENT

15 Sec. 19.22.010. PURPOSE. The purposes of this  
16 chapter are to promote the safety, convenience and enjoy-  
17 ment of travel on, and protection of the public investment  
18 in, highways of the state, and to authorize the restoration,  
19 preservation, and enhancement of scenic beauty within and  
20 adjacent to such highways.

21 Sec. 19.22.020. AUTHORIZATION TO ACQUIRE AND IMPROVE.

22 (a) The commissioner of highways is authorized to acquire  
23 by purchase, exchange, gift, or condemnation land necessary  
24 for the restoration, preservation and enhancement of scenic  
25 beauty, adjacent to the right of way of highways on the  
26 state highway system including the acquisition, construc-  
27 tion and maintenance of rest and recreation areas and  
28 sanitary and other facilities to accommodate the traveling  
29 public.

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(b) The commissioner of highways is authorized to make improvements necessary to effectuate the purposes of sec. 10 of this chapter.

Sec. 19.22.030. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter "state highway system" means all highways located in this state which are or hereafter may be officially designated as state highways under the provisions of AS 19.10.020.

\* Sec. 2. This Act takes effect on the day after its passage and approval or on the day it becomes law without such approval.