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1 IN THE SENATE

2 SENATE BILL NO. 80

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to land preference rights
7 to persons for agricultural purposes."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 38.05 is amended by adding a new section to
10 read:

11 Sec. 38.05.069. ✓ PREFERENCE TO PERSONS FOR AGRICULTURAL
12 PURPOSES. (a) A person owning and using or using land for
13 agricultural purposes shall have a 60-day first option to
14 purchase unoccupied land situated adjacent to or in the ap-
15 proximate vicinity of his presently held land. The unoccu-
16 pied land shall be used in connection with his agricultural
17 business at the time of purchase.

18 (b) The exercise of a first option under (a) of this
19 section shall be taken up by the director in the order re-
20 ceived.

21 (c) The director shall sell the lands under this sec-
22 tion at their fair appraised market value. The director shall
23 make regulations necessary to ensure that lands sold under
24 this section are for bona fide agricultural purposes and
25 not for speculation.

26 (d) When not in conflict with this section, other
27 provisions of secs. 45 - 67 of this chapter apply to sales
28 under this section.

29 (e) For the purposes of this section (1) "agricultural

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purposes" includes farming, ranching, grazing, and storage or control of agricultural crops or livestock; (2) "approximate vicinity" includes an area in which the land does not have a common boundary to presently held land or in which the land is physically separated from presently held land by any type of a barrier.