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2 HOUSE BILL NO. 138

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act creating the Department of Agriculture; and
7 providing for an effective date."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 44.15.010 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

10 (16) Department of Agriculture

11 Sec. 2. AS 44 is amended by adding a new chapter to read:

12 CHAPTER 47. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

13 Sec. 44.47.010. COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE. The principal exe-
14 cutive officer of the Department of Agriculture is the commissioner
15 of agriculture.

16 Sec. 44.47.020. GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES. The Department of
17 Agriculture shall (1) obtain and distribute information on subjects
18 connected with agriculture, (2) control and regulate the entry and
19 transportation of seeds, plants and other horticultural products,
20 (3) control and eradicate the spread of pests injurious to plants,
21 trees, vegetables, livestock, poultry, (4) aid in developing uses
22 and unused agricultural resources, and (5) experiment and determine
23 practical methods of growing, processing, soil analysis, eradication
24 of obnoxious weeds, control of insects, cheaper and more satisfactory
25 methods of land clearing. The department shall also concern itself
26 with soil conservation and the powers and duties contained in AS 03.

27 * Sec. 3. AS 03.60.010 is repealed and re-enacted to read:

28 Sec. 03.60.010. DEFINITIONS. In this title, unless the context
29 otherwise requires.

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- (1) "department" means the Department of Agriculture;
- (2) "commissioner" means the commissioner of agriculture;
- (3) "director" means the commissioner of agriculture.

* Sec. 4. AS 44.37.020 is amended to read:

Sec. 44.37.020. DUTIES OF DEPARTMENT WITH RESPECT TO NATURAL RESOURCES. The Department of Natural Resources shall administer the state program for the conservation and development of natural resources, including forests, parks, and recreational areas, lands, waters [AGRICULTURE, SOIL CONSERVATION] and minerals (including petroleum and natural gas), but excluding commercial fisheries, sport fish, game, and fur-bearing animals in their natural state.

* Sec. 5. This Act takes effect July 1, 1967.