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IN THE HOUSE

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HOUSE BILL NO. 4

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

A BILL

For an Act entitled: "An Act establishing a system of wilderness trails and campsites."

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

\* Section 1. AS 41.20 is amended by adding new sections to read:

ARTICLE 3. WILDERNESS TRAILS AND CAMPSITES.

Sec. 41.20.050. ESTABLISHMENT. There is established in the state a system of wilderness trails and campsites.

Sec. 41.20.060. SELECTION. The Department of Natural Resources and the Department of Public Works, jointly, shall designate a system of wilderness trails and campsites throughout the state. Significant in the selection shall be the scenic, historic, natural, or cultural qualities of the areas through which the trails may pass. The Department of Natural Resources may acquire the trail sites jointly selected by grant, gift, purchase, lease, dedication or prescription and hold them in the name of the state.

Sec. 41.20.070. UNIFORM MARKER. The commissioner of natural resources shall establish a uniform marker for the wilderness trails system.

Sec. 41.20.080. REGULATIONS. The commissioner of natural resources shall promulgate regulations concerning the use, management, development, and administration of the trails.

Sec. 41.20.090. CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF CAMPSITES. (a) The Department of Public Works may construct and maintain campsites throughout the wilderness trails system. Campsites may include any

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type of shelter or camp facility considered necessary and desirable for the benefit and convenience of travelers.

(b) As an aid to the construction and maintenance of trails and campsites under (a) of this section the commissioner of health and welfare is authorized to establish a program that would allow prisoners to volunteer for work on the trails and campsites. The commissioner is authorized to grant remuneration for the work, either in money or reduction of sentence, which he considers sufficient.

Sec. 41.20.100. ASSISTANCE FROM LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND ACT OF 1965. The commissioner of natural resources is authorized to consider the feasibility of any form of financial assistance available to the state for the planning, acquisition or development of trails under the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 (78 Stat. 897).