

1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE BILL NO. 23

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act creating a Department of Forestry and Agri-  
7 culture; and 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 Forestry and Agriculture

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

12 CHAPTER 47. DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND AGRICULTURE

13 Sec. 44.47.010. COMMISSIONER OF FORESTRY AND AGRICULTURE. The  
14 principal executive officer of the Department of Forestry and Agricul-  
15 ture is the commissioner of forestry and agriculture.

16 Sec. 44.47.020. GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES. The Department of  
17 Forestry and Agriculture shall

18 (1) obtain and distribute information on subjects connected  
19 with forestry and agriculture,

20 (2) control and regulate the entry and transportation of  
21 seeds, plants and other horticultural products,

22 (3) control and eradicate the spread of pests injurious to  
23 plants, trees, vegetables, livestock, poultry,

24 (4) aid in developing used and unused forestry and agri-  
25 cultural resources,

26 (5) experiment and determine practical methods of growing,  
27 processing, soil analysis, eradication of obnoxious weeds, control of  
28 insects, cheaper and more satisfactory methods of land clearing,

29 (6) administer the state program for the conservation and

1 development of forests and soil, and

2 (7) concern itself with the powers and duties contained in  
3 AS 03 and AS 41.

4 \* Sec. 3. AS 44.37.020 is amended to read:

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

12 \* Sec. 4. AS 44.37.030 is repealed.

13 \* Sec. 5. AS 41.15.170(1) is amended to read:

14 (1) "commissioner" means the commissioner of forestry and  
15 agriculture [NATURAL RESOURCES];

16 \* Sec. 6. AS 03.60.010 is amended to read:

17 Sec. 03.60.010. "DEPARTMENT" AND "COMMISSIONER" DEFINED. In this  
18 title

19 (1) "department" means the Department of Forestry and  
20 Agriculture [NATURAL RESOURCES];

21 (2) "commissioner" means the commissioner of forestry and  
22 agriculture [NATURAL RESOURCES].

23 \* Sec. 7. This Act takes effect July 1, 1969.  
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