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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY RAY

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 430

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to lost persons."

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

8 \* Section 1. AS 18.60.120 is amended to read:

9 Sec. 18.60.120. RELIEF AND RESCUE PARTIES. Upon being notified  
10 that a person is lost, or absent from his usual place of abode for a  
11 period of time or under circumstances giving reasonable apprehension  
12 that he is lost, the commissioner of public safety or his designee [A  
13 DISTRICT JUDGE OR MAGISTRATE] shall send out a rescue and relief party  
14 for the purpose of rescuing and relieving the lost person. The commis-  
15 sioner of public safety or his designee [DISTRICT JUDGE OR MAGISTRATE]  
16 shall appoint a competent person to organize, direct and guide the  
17 rescue and relief party.

18 \* Sec. 2. AS 18.60.130 is amended to read:

19 Sec. 18.60.130. EXPENSES OF RELIEF AND RESCUE PARTIES. The  
20 expense of the relief and rescue party shall be paid out of the state  
21 treasury upon vouchers properly made out and signed and sworn to by the  
22 person appointed to direct the rescue and relief party. The oath to  
23 the voucher shall be taken and made before the commissioner of public  
24 safety or his designee [DISTRICT JUDGE OR MAGISTRATE] who appoints the  
25 person and may be paid only after it has been approved by the commis-  
26 sioner of public safety or his designee. In approving the voucher, the  
27 commissioner of public safety or his designee shall consider the neces-  
28 sity of the relief and rescue party, the reasonableness of the expenses  
29 and the proper audit of the voucher. The commissioner of public safety

1 shall adopt rules and regulations for the guidance of his designee  
2 [DISTRICT JUDGES AND MAGISTRATES] governing the authorization of rescue  
3 and relief parties and of their expenses.

4 \* Sec. 3. AS 18.60.140 is amended to read:

5 Sec. 18.60.140. ~~LIMITATION OF AMOUNT OF EXPENDITURE FOR RESCUE OR~~  
6 RELIEF. A designee of the commissioner of public safety [DISTRICT  
7 JUDGE OR MAGISTRATE] may obligate the state in an amount up to \$750 in  
8 any one case of rescue and relief. If the commissioner of public safety  
9 [OR HIS DESIGNEE] approves, he shall state the additional amount that  
10 may be expended in each case, and his approval shall be attached to the  
11 voucher.

12 \* Sec. 4. AS 18.60.150 is amended to read:

13 Sec. 18.60.150. REPORT OF MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE OR SEPARATION  
14 FROM COMPANIONS. If a person (1) mysteriously disappears in the state,  
15 or (2) leaves one locality to go to another in the state and fails  
16 within a reasonable time to reach his destination, or (3) traveling in  
17 company with another is separated from the other, or (4) traveling alone  
18 mysteriously disappears, his traveling companion or any other person  
19 having knowledge of the mysterious disappearance or separation shall  
20 notify the commissioner of public safety or his designee [A DISTRICT  
21 JUDGE OR MAGISTRATE] in the district in which the disappearance or  
22 separation took place of the fact, in writing, stating all the circum-  
23 stances.

24 \* Sec. 5. AS 18.60.170 is amended to read:

25 Sec. 18.60.170. REPORT AND INVESTIGATION OF DISAPPEARANCE. The  
26 commissioner of public safety or his designee [DISTRICT JUDGE OR  
27 MAGISTRATE] shall file each notification of disappearance in alphabet-  
28 ical order in his office, and shall notify the peace officer in the  
29 [HIS] district where the disappearance occurred or in the nearest

1 district where there is a peace officer to make an investigation regard-  
2 ing the disappearance. If the circumstances give reasonable grounds  
3 for suspicion that a murder has been committed or that a person has met  
4 with foul play, the peace officer shall report all the facts to the  
5 district attorney in his district or the assistant district attorney  
6 living nearest the place where he resides. The district attorney or  
7 the assistant district attorney shall assist and advise the peace  
8 officer in his investigation.  
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