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2 HOUSE BILL NO. 778

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act creating a self-sustaining fisheries research
7 and development program for the state; and providing
8 for an effective date."

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

10 * Section 1. DECLARATION OF PURPOSE. It is the purpose of this Act to
11 establish a permanent capital fund from a portion of funds realized by the
12 state from nonrenewable resources, the earnings of which shall be dedicated
13 exclusively to advance the orderly development of the state's fisheries, a
14 renewable resource. It is intended that the permanent funds created by this
15 Act shall provide a continuing source of revenue dedicated to continuing
16 expansion of knowledge and beneficial use of all fisheries resources of the
17 state and continental shelf to the end that such fisheries be of ever
18 increasing social and economic value to all citizens. It is the further
19 intent that such fisheries be expanded to their fullest possible feasible
20 potential to insure that Alaska and its citizens may not tend to develop
21 total reliance and dependence upon the depletion of nonrenewable resources
22 for economic, governmental and social benefits.

23 * Sec. 2. AS 37 is amended by adding a new chapter to read:

24 CHAPTER 14. FISHERIES RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT
25 INVESTMENT FUND.

26 Sec. 37.14.010. FISHERIES RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENT
27 FUND. There is created a fund, designated as the fisheries research
28 and development investment fund. The Department of Revenue is the
29 custodian of the fund and shall administer it. The fund shall be

1 composed of money appropriated by the legislature and an amount of
2 \$100,000,000 is authorized to be appropriated to the fund annually.

3 Sec. 37.14.020. INVESTMENT OF FUND. (a) When the commissioner
4 of revenue determines that it is in the best interests of the state
5 he shall invest the fund or a part of it in any of the following:

6 (1) bonds, notes, and bills which constitute direct obliga-
7 tions of the United States;

8 (2) obligations of agencies and instrumentalities of the
9 United States;

10 (3) bank certificates of deposit which are secured as to
11 the payment of principal and interest in accordance with Alaska law;

12 (4) commercial paper of prime or equivalent quality, as
13 rated by a nationally recognized rating organization, which is issued
14 by corporations organized and operating in the United States with
15 assets in excess of \$500 million;

16 (5) bonds, notes, debentures and other evidence of indebted-
17 ness of corporations.

18 (b) Earnings of the fund become a part of the fund.

19 Sec. 37.14.030. TRANSFER OF EARNINGS. Annually, on July 1,
20 five per cent of the fund, but not exceeding fund earnings, shall be
21 transferred to the fisheries research and development working fund
22 within the Department of Fish and Game for the purposes provided for
23 in AS 44.39.060.

24 * Sec. 3. AS 44.39 is amended by adding new sections to read:

25 ARTICLE 2. DIVISION OF FISHERIES

26 RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT.

27 Sec. 44.39.060. DUTIES OF DIVISION. The division of fisheries
28 research and development shall

29 (1) develop and continually maintain a comprehensive,

1 coordinated state plan for orderly, long-range research, rehabilitation
2 and development of all aspects of the state's fisheries for the
3 perpetual use, benefit and enjoyment of all citizens;

4 (2) accelerate the responsible development of the fisheries
5 resources by encouraging increased utilization of these resources;

6 (3) research and improve the marketing and transportation
7 aspects of fisheries resources;

8 (4) through research expand the human knowledge of the
9 marine and other water environments of the state;

10 (5) encourage the investment by private enterprise in the
11 technological development and economic utilization of the fisheries
12 resources;

13 (6) improve the role of the state as a leader in the marine
14 sciences and the development of the fisheries resources;

15 (7) develop and improve the capabilities, performance, use
16 and efficiency of vehicles, equipment and instruments for use in
17 research, surveys and recovery;

18 (8) cooperate with other states, the federal government,
19 other nations and national and international organizations in marine
20 science and fisheries activities when cooperation is in the interest
21 of the state;

22 (9) participate in international, national and regional
23 conferences to assure the state's right to and control of the conti-
24 nental shelf;

25 (10) through research, rehabilitation and development programs
26 do all things necessary to insure perpetual and increasing production
27 and use of the food resources of Alaska waters and continental shelf
28 areas.

29 ARTICLE 3. FISHERIES RESEARCH AND

1 DEVELOPMENT WORKING FUND.

2 Sec. 44.39.100. FISHERIES RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT WORKING FUND.

3 There is created within the Department of Fish and Game a fund, desig-
4 nated as the fisheries research and development working fund. The
5 fund shall be composed of money transferred to it from the fisheries
6 research and development investment fund as provided in AS 37.14.030.
7 The money in the fund shall be used to carry out the purposes of sec.
8 60 of this chapter.

9 * Sec. 4. This Act takes effect on the day after its passage and approval
10 or on the day it becomes law without approval.