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2 SENATE BILL NO. 397

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 the Alaska Conservation Action Corps."

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

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

9 ARTICLE 5. ALASKA CONSERVATION ACTION CORPS.

10 Sec. 41.20.200. DECLARATION OF PURPOSE. The purpose of secs.  
11 200 - 240 of this chapter is to provide avenues of action for youth in  
12 the state interested in the preservation of a healthy environment by  
13 establishing a volunteer corps to teach and practice conservation on  
14 all levels of activities which are environment related. The aim is to  
15 foster and supplement programs on the local and state level and provide  
16 some of the manpower needed to successfully accomplish the goal of a  
17 healthy and pleasant environment in which to live.

18 Sec. 41.20.210. CORPS. There is created in the parks and recre-  
19 ation section of the division of lands, Department of Natural Resources  
20 the Alaska Conservation Action Corps.

21 Sec. 41.20.220. ACTIVITIES OF CORPS. The corps may be assigned

22 (1) to provide staff services for public and private agen-  
23 cies involved in planning for the future of our environment;

24 (2) tasks of cleaning litter from city streets, highways,  
25 local parks, neighborhoods, beaches, national forests, rivers, creeks,  
26 state and national parks on a continuing basis;

27 (3) to participate in neighborhood improvement programs  
28 including the creation of neighborhood parks and playgrounds, supple-  
29 menting local government efforts on a voluntary basis on request;

1 (4) to fire prevention activities in forest lands, including  
2 the cleaning of brush and deadfalls and the construction and mainte-  
3 nance of fire trails and firebreaks and firefighting in time of need;

4 (5) the task of building and maintaining hiking and riding  
5 trails and campsites, improving wildlife habitats and protection of  
6 wildlife refuges and wilderness areas under supervision of the Depart-  
7 ment of Fish and Game;

8 (6) to participate in drainage and erosion control improve-  
9 ments on public lands and the reforestation of fire-devastated areas;

10 (7) to federal or state prosecutors, on request, to provide  
11 legal assistance to help in the preparation of cases against violators  
12 of laws designed to protect the environment;

13 (8) the task of conducting conservation summer camp programs  
14 for youths to learn and practice conservation skills;

15 (9) monitoring duties in areas of environmental concern  
16 where control and enforcement are maintained such as the monitoring of  
17 air and water pollution levels or checking on how well developers are  
18 meeting subdivision regulations.

19 Sec. 41.20.230. COMPENSATION. (a) Part-time corps members shall  
20 be paid on an hourly basis, not to exceed \$3 an hour, to be determined  
21 by the head of the parks and recreation section.

22 (b) Compensation for corps members who are involved in continuous  
23 service in an away-from-home situation shall be set on a weekly or  
24 monthly basis to be determined by the head of the parks and recreation  
25 section.

26 Sec. 41.20.240. RESTRICTIONS. AS 23.10.325 - 23.10.370 do not  
27 apply to the provisions of secs. 200 - 230 of this chapter.