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1 IN THE SENATE

2 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 40

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the enforcement of
6 drug laws.

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

8 WHEREAS the Alaska Legislature has enacted drug laws designed to justly
9 stem the abuse of and trade in narcotic and dangerous drugs; and

10 WHEREAS, during this very session, through the enactment of ch. 2,
11 SLA 1969, the Legislature has plugged an apparent loophole with regard to
12 the sale of depressant, hallucinogenic and stimulant drugs; and

13 WHEREAS, because the youth of our nation are our most precious resource
14 and our hope for the future, they deserve more than a life of false happiness
15 and euphoria created by drugs; and

16 WHEREAS the Legislature is primarily concerned with the apprehension and
17 punishment of those who commercialize on the drug traffic by preying on the
18 dreams, ambitions, openness and naiveté of youth; and

19 WHEREAS certainty of apprehension and punishment is a better deterrent
20 than the heaviest of penalties; and

21 WHEREAS the problem is not one of legislation but of enforcement of
22 the law; and

23 WHEREAS the ills engendered by the exploiters of abusive drugs must
24 be eradicated by vigorous law enforcement and prosecution of these "pushers"
25 rather than by ruining the lives of casual users or youthful experimenters
26 by involving them in criminal prosecution and condemning them to live out
27 their lives under the cloud of a police record; and

28 WHEREAS the Legislature believes that it is necessary to take prompt
29 action;

1 BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature requests the Governor to direct the
2 Attorney General and the Commissioner of Health and Welfare to take immediate
3 steps with regard to the size, quality and activities of their respective
4 staffs to improve the enforcement and administration of the state's drug
5 laws, including rehabilitative measures, and, in so doing, to incur obliga-
6 tions reasonably necessary toward this end and present a deficiency appropri-
7 ation bill to the 1970 session of the Legislature.

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