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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 718 *am*

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act creating the Commission on the Conference of  
7 the Law of the Sea."

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

9 \* Section 1. INTENT. It is the intent of this Act to establish a  
10 commission for the development of a state policy on resources in the coastal  
11 marine environment vital to Alaska, international fishery rights, and the  
12 law of the sea as it relates to both. In implementing this policy it is  
13 intended that efforts be made to assure that Alaskan interests be represented  
14 at all Law of the Sea Conferences, and that before any Conference, the poli-  
15 cies formulated be coordinated with Canada and other interested coastal  
16 states.

17 \* Sec. 2. AS 44.19 is amended by adding new sections to read:

18 ARTICLE 9G.

19 Sec. 44.19.789. CREATION. There is created in the Office of the  
20 Governor the Commission on the Conference of the Law of the Sea.

21 Sec. 44.19.791. COMPOSITION. The Commission on the Conference  
22 of the Law of the Sea is composed of the following persons:

23 (1) the chairman of the natural resources committee of the  
24 state house of representatives;

25 (2) the chairman of the natural resources committee of the  
26 state senate;

27 (3) five members to be appointed by the governor.

28 Sec. 44.19.793. TERMS OF MEMBERSHIP AND COMPENSATION. (a) The  
29 term of office of each elected member of the commission does not survive

1 his resignation or removal. Appointed members serve for overlapping  
2 six-year terms. The first members appointed serve as follows: one  
3 member for one year, two members for two years, and two members for  
4 four years.

5 (b) Members receive no salary, but are entitled to  
6 per diem and travel expenses authorized by law for other boards and  
7 commissions.

8 Sec. 44.19.795. MEETINGS. The commission shall meet at least  
9 twice a year, and shall submit a written report to the legislature on  
10 February 1 of each year.

11 Sec. 44.19.797. DUTIES. The duties of the Commission on the  
12 Conference of the Law of the Sea include, but are not limited to,

13 (1) gathering, analyzing, and compiling basic data on  
14 resources found in the sea or in the seabed off the coast of Alaska;

15 (2) developing a state position on

16 (A) the management, harvest or utilization, and con-  
17 servation of the various resources in the marine environment vital  
18 to Alaska, including but not limited to, minerals, oil and gas,  
19 and fish and shellfish; and

20 (B) the extent of the maximum limits of jurisdiction,  
21 including the territorial limits, most appropriate for the state;

22 (3) actively working to assure that adequate and fair  
23 representation is given to Alaska in the Conference on the Law of the  
24 Sea in 1973, and at all subsequent conferences, and that permanent  
25 conference advisors from Alaska are appointed by the U.S. State Depart-  
26 ment.

27 Sec. 44.19.799. POWERS OF THE COMMISSION. The commission may

28 (1) employ necessary personnel, including an executive  
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(2) hold hearings throughout the state to collect data related to its duties in sec. 797 of this chapter;

(3) solicit and obtain the services of other state departments and agencies in collecting and compiling data necessary to carry out its duties under sec. 797 of this chapter;

(4) seek the cooperation of and enter into agreements with other coastal states for the wise development and conservation of marine resources;

(5) receive and expend grants and appropriations from private and governmental sources for the purpose of carrying out its duties under sec. 797 of this chapter.