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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

2 SENATE CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 749

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the Department of Environmental
7 Conservation."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 46.03.020(6) is amended to read:

10 (6) at reasonable times enter and inspect with the consent
11 of the owner or occupier any property or premises to investigate
12 either actual or suspected sources of pollution or contamination or to
13 ascertain compliance or noncompliance with a regulation which may be
14 promulgated under [SECS. 20 - 40 OF] this chapter; information relating
15 to secret processes or methods of manufacture discovered during
16 investigation is confidential;

17 * Sec. 2. AS 46.03.030(a) is amended to read:

18 (a) The department may pay, as funds are available, 25 per cent
19 of the total eligible [ESTIMATED REASONABLE] cost, as determined by the
20 Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency [SECRETARY OF THE
21 INTERIOR], of each waste treatment works project approved for a federal
22 grant by the Environmental Protection Agency [FEDERAL WATER QUALITY
23 ADMINISTRATION] or its predecessor agencies [, THE FEDERAL WATER
24 POLLUTION CONTROL ADMINISTRATION,] and on which construction was
25 initiated after June 30, 1967. As funds are available, the department
26 may lend on an interest-free basis for a project approved after June 30,
27 1970, any part of an anticipated federal grant. Money received from the
28 Environmental Protection Agency [FEDERAL WATER QUALITY ADMINISTRATION]
29 for the project after the loan is given must be used to repay the

1 loan, but the loan need be repaid only to the extent of this federal
2 assistance.

3 * Sec. 3. AS 46.03.030(b) is amended to read:

4 (b) The department may pay to a municipality, as funds are avail-
5 able, up to the lesser of 25 per cent of the total eligible [ESTIMATED]
6 cost or 50 per cent of the total eligible [ESTIMATED] cost not borne by
7 the federal government, if there is federal assistance, of water
8 systems, including collection and impounding facilities, and of those
9 portions of sewerage systems not covered by (a) of this section. The
10 total eligible [ESTIMATED] cost of any part of a system will be as
11 determined by the federal agency which gives the most monetary assist-
12 ance or, if none, by the department. Systems shall be constructed
13 according to plans and specifications approved by the federal agency
14 which gives the most monetary assistance or, if none, by the
15 department.

16 * Sec. 4. AS 46.03.070 is amended to read:

17 Sec. 46.03.070. WATER QUALITY ENHANCEMENT AND CONSERVATION
18 [POLLUTION] STANDARDS. After public hearing, the department may adopt
19 standards and make them public and determine what qualities and pro-
20 perties of water indicate a polluted condition actually or potentially
21 deleterious, harmful, detrimental or injurious to the public health,
22 safety or welfare, to terrestrial and aquatic life or their growth and
23 propagation, or to the use of waters for domestic, commercial,
24 industrial, agricultural, recreational, or other reasonable purposes.

25 * Sec. 5. AS 46.03.090 is repealed.

26 * Sec. 6. AS 46.03.100 is amended to read:

27 Sec. 46.03.100. WASTE DISCHARGE [DISPOSAL] PERMIT. (a) A person
28 who conducts an [A COMMERCIAL OR INDUSTRIAL] operation which results
29 in the discharge [DISPOSAL] of solid or liquid waste material or heated

1 process or cooling waters into the waters or onto the land of the state
2 must procure a permit from the department before discharging such
3 [DISPOSING OF THE] waste material or waters. The permit must be ob-
4 tained for direct discharge [DISPOSAL] and for discharge [DISPOSAL]
5 into publicly operated sewerage systems. Commercial and sports fishing
6 boats are not covered by this section.

7 (b) This section does not apply to natural and chemical agricul-
8 tural fertilizer applications or a person discharging only domestic
9 sewage into a sewerage system.

10 * Sec. 7. AS 46.03.110(a) is amended to read:

11 (a) An application for a permit shall be made on forms prescribed
12 by the department and shall contain the name and address of the appli-
13 cant, a description of his operations, the quantity and type of waste
14 material sought to be discharged [DISPOSED OF], the proposed method
15 of treatment and discharge [DISPOSAL], and any other information
16 considered necessary by the department. Application for a permit
17 shall be made at least 60 days before commencement of a proposed
18 discharge.

19 * Sec. 8. AS 46.03.120 is amended to read:

20 Sec. 46.03.120. TERMINATION OR MODIFICATION OF WASTE DISCHARGE
21 [DISPOSAL] PERMIT. (a) The department may terminate a permit upon 30
22 days written notice if the department finds

23 (1) that the permit was procured by misrepresentation of
24 material fact or by failure of the applicant to disclose fully the
25 facts relating to its issuance;

26 (2) that there has been a violation of the conditions of
27 the permit;

28 (3) that there has been a material change in the quantity
29 or type of waste discharged [DISPOSED OF].

1 (b) The department may modify a permit if the department finds
2 that a material change in the quality or classification of the waters
3 of the state has occurred.

4 * Sec. 9. AS 46.03.140 is amended to read:

5 Sec. 46.03.140. EMISSION CONTROL REQUIREMENTS. The department
6 may establish air pollution control regulations which in its judgment
7 are necessary to prevent, abate or control air pollution. These
8 regulations may be for the state as a whole or may vary from area to
9 area as may be appropriate to facilitate accomplishment of the purposes
10 of this chapter and in order to take account of varying local condi-
11 tions.

12 * Sec. 10. AS 46.03.180 is amended to read:

13 Sec. 46.03.180. CONFIDENTIALITY OF RECORDS. Records and infor-
14 mation in the possession of the department which relate to production
15 or sales figures or to processes or production techniques of the
16 owner or operator of an air contaminant source are considered confi-
17 dential records of the department after application by the party
18 and certification that their public disclosure would tend to adversely
19 affect his competitive position. Confidentiality of records and
20 information as established by this section does not apply
21 to the types, amounts, or sources of air contaminants
22 discharged.

23 * Sec. 11. AS 46.03.210(a)(1) is amended to read:

24 (1) provide by ordinance for requirements compatible with
25 those imposed by the provisions of secs. 140 - 170 [140 AND 170] of
26 this chapter and applicable regulations;

27 * Sec. 12. AS 46.03.720 is amended to read:

28 Sec. 46.03.720. CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF CERTAIN FACILITIES
29 PROHIBITED. No person may construct, extend, install, make a major al-

1 teration of or operate a sewerage [SEWAGE] system or treatment works,
2 or any part of a sewerage [SEWAGE] system or treatment works,
3 to serve a public, municipal, commercial, or industrial operation,
4 a public or private subdivision, or a mobile home development until
5 plans for it are submitted to the department for review [,] and
6 the department approves them in writing, and also issues a written
7 permit for the operation. The department may waive the requirement
8 that plans be submitted to it.

9 * Sec. 13. AS 46.03.750(a) is amended to read:

10 (a) No person may pollute or add to the pollution of
11 waters of the state by discharging from any vessel or facility
12 ballast water, tank-cleaning waste water or other waste contain-
13 ing petroleum in excess of the maximum permitted by the water
14 quality standards established under secs. 70 and 80 of this
15 chapter and in no event may a vessel or facility discharge
16 ballast water, tank-cleaning waste water or other waste
17 containing petroleum in excess of 50 parts per million of oil
18 residue.

19 * Sec. 14. AS 46.03.760(a) is amended to read:

20 (a) A person who violates sec 710, 720, 730, 740, or
21 750 of this chapter is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon convic-
22 tion is punishable by a fine of not more than \$25,000, or by
23 imprisonment for not more than one year, or by both. A person
24 who violates any other section of this chapter, or a
25 regulation promulgated under any other section of this
26 chapter is guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall
27 be punished by a fine of not more than \$5,000 and costs of prosecu-
28 tion, or by imprisonment for not more than one year, or by fine,
29 cost, and imprisonment at the discretion of the court. Each

1 unlawful act, or each day upon which a violation of a provision or regula-
2 tion of this chapter exists, shall be a separate and additional offense
3 [CONSTITUTES A SEPARATE OFFENSE].

4 * Sec. 15. AS 46.03.760(e) is amended to read:

5 (e) Nothing in this section affects a person's or the state's
6 [AN INDIVIDUAL'S] right to recover damages under other applicable
7 statutes or the common law.

8 * Sec. 16. AS 46.03.780(b) is amended to read:

9 (b) Damages [LIABILITY FOR DAMAGES] under (a) of this section in-
10 cludes, in addition to the costs of amelioration, abatement, and clean-up,
11 an amount equal to the sum of money required to restock injured land or
12 waters, to replenish a damaged or degraded resource, or to otherwise re-
13 store the environment of the state to its condition before the injury.

14 * Sec. 17. AS 46.03.790 is repealed.

15 * Sec. 18. AS 46.03.800(b) is amended to read:

16 (b) A person who neglects or refuses to abate the nuisance upon
17 order of the department is guilty of a misdemeanor and is punishable
18 as provided in sec. 760 [790] of this chapter. In addition to this
19 punishment, the court shall assess damages against the defendant for
20 the expenses of abating the nuisance.

21 * Sec. 19. AS 46.03.810 is amended to read:

22 Sec. 46.03.810. AIR AND LAND NUISANCES. (a) A person is guilty
23 of creating or maintaining a nuisance if he

24 (1) places or deposits upon a lot, street, beach, premises
25 or upon, or within 200 feet of a public highway[, UNLESS THE HIGHWAY
26 ABUTS UPON TIDAL WATER,] any garbage, offal, dead animals, or any other
27 matter or thing, which would be obnoxious or cause the spread of
28 disease or in any way endanger the health of the community;

29 (2) allows to be placed or deposited upon any premises

1 owned by him or under his control garbage, offal, dead animals, or any
2 other matter or thing which would be obnoxious or offensive to the
3 public or which would produce, aggravate, or cause the spread of
4 disease or in any way endanger the health of the community.

5 (b) A person who neglects or refuses to abate the nuisance upon
6 order of an officer of the Department of Environmental Conservation is
7 guilty of a misdemeanor and is punishable as provided in sec. 760
8 [790] of this chapter. In addition to this punishment, the court
9 shall assess damages against the defendant for the expenses of abating
10 the nuisance.

11 * Sec. 20. AS 46.03.820(a) is amended to read:

12 (a) When the department finds, after investigation, that a person
13 is causing, engaging in or maintaining a condition or activity which,
14 in the judgment of its commissioner presents an imminent or present
15 danger to the health or welfare of the people of the state or would
16 result in or be likely to result in irreversible or irreparable damage
17 to the natural resources or environment, and it appears to be pre-
18 judicial to the interests of the people of the state to delay action
19 until an opportunity for a hearing can be provided, the department may,
20 without prior hearing, order that person by notice to discontinue,
21 abate or alleviate the condition or activity. If the [THE] proscribed
22 • condition or activity is not [SHALL BE] immediately discontinued,
23 abated or alleviated the attorney general may seek enforcement of the
24 order by injunction or by other appropriate summary proceedings.

25 * Sec. 21. AS 46.03.130 is repealed.

26 * Sec. 22. AS 46.03 is amended by adding a new section to read:

27 Sec. 46.03.850. COMPLIANCE ORDER. (a) When, in the opinion of
28 the department, a person is violating or is about to violate regula-
29 tions and standards established under the provisions of this chapter

1 the department shall notify the person of its determination by
2 certified mail. The determination and notice do not constitute an
3 order under sec. 820 of this chapter.

4 (b) Within 15 days from the receipt of the notice, the recipient
5 of the determination must file with the department a report stating
6 what measures have been and are being taken to control the conditions
7 outlined in the notice from the department.

8 (c) Thereafter, the department may issue a compliance order in
9 conformity with the authority of the department and the public policy
10 declared in sec. 10 of this chapter. A copy of the compliance order
11 shall be sent by certified mail to the person affected. A compliance
12 order is effective upon receipt.

13 (d) Within 20 days of receipt, a person affected may make
14 application for a hearing to review the compliance order. Failure to
15 make application for hearing within 20 days of the receipt of a
16 compliance order constitutes a waiver of the recipient's right of
17 review.

18 (e) The department shall hold a hearing within 20 days of
19 receipt of the application. After hearing, the department may rescind,
20 modify or affirm the compliance order.

21 (f) The attorney general shall seek enforcement of a compliance
22 order.

23 * Sec. 23. AS 46.03.900(11) is amended to read:

24 (11) "municipality" means an organized borough or an
25 incorporated city [OUTSIDE AN ORGANIZED BOROUGH,] and includes all
26 classes of boroughs and cities whether home rule or otherwise;

27 * Sec. 24. AS 46.03.900(12) is amended to read:

28 (12) "other wastes" means garbage, refuse, decayed wood,
29 sawdust, shavings, bark, trimmings from logging operations, sand, lime

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cinders, ashes, offal, oil, tar, dyestuffs, acids, chemicals, heat from cooling or process operations, and other substances not sewage or industrial waste which may cause or tend to cause pollution of the waters of the state;

* Sec. 25. AS 46.03.900(20) is amended to read:

(20) "standard" means a [THE] measure of environmental [PURITY OR] quality [FOR WATERS IN RELATION TO THEIR REASONABLE AND NECESSARY USE] as established by the department;

* Sec. 26. AS 46.03.900 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

(23) "permit" means written authorization from the department.