

1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE BILL NO. 29

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST 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 agencies
23 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) the task of conducting conservation summer camp programs
11 for youths to learn and practice conservation skills;

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

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

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

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