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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
7 Corps."

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

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

10 ARTICLE 5. ALASKA CONSERVATION ACTION CORPS.

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

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

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

23 (1) to provide staff services for public agencies
24 involved in planning for the future of our environment;

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

28 (3) to participate in neighborhood improvement programs
29 including the creation of neighborhood parks and playgrounds, supple-

1 menting local government efforts on a voluntary basis on request;

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

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

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

11 (7) the task of conducting conservation summer camp programs
12 for youths to learn and practice conservation skills;

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

17 Sec. 41.20.230. COMPENSATION. (a) Part-time corps members shall
18 be paid on an hourly basis, to be determined by the Commissioner of the
19 Department of Natural Resources.

20 (b) Compensation for corps members who are involved in continuous
21 service in an away-from-home situation shall be set on a weekly or
22 monthly basis to be determined by the Commissioner of the Department
23 of Natural Resources.

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

26 * Sec. 2. This Act takes effect upon certification by the Commissioner
27 of Natural Resources to the Governor that appropriated federal funds are
28 available under P.L. 91-378, or other federal law, to pay compensation to
29 corps members.