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2  SENATE BILL NO.281

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act providing for the establishment of public  
7 ways for recreational traffic."

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 10. TRAILS AND FOOTPATHS.

11 Sec. 41.20.375. GRANTS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF TRAILS AND FOOT-  
12 PATHS. (a) Within the limits of available appropriations, a city or  
13 borough of any class is entitled to state grants for the purpose of  
14 acquiring land or rights of way over land for the establishment and  
15 maintenance of recreational trails and footpaths.

16 (b) Before a grant is awarded under this section, application  
17 shall be submitted to the commissioner of natural resources, accompanied  
18 by a comprehensive plan for the establishment of trails and footpaths.

19 (c) Upon approval of the plan, funds shall be utilized and  
20 disbursed to cities and boroughs according to regulations established  
21 by the commissioner of natural resources.

22 (d) Before the distribution of funds by the commissioner, con-  
23 sideration shall be given to the extent of funding available under  
24 other federal, local and state aid programs.

25 Sec. 41.20.385. PLACEMENT OF TRAILS AND FOOTPATHS. After funds  
26 are granted under sec. 375(c) of this chapter, a trail or footpath  
27 may be established within an appropriate area, public or private,  
28 including, but not limited to, existing park and recreation areas  
29 and highway rights of way.

1           Sec. 41.20.395. LIMITATIONS IN ESTABLISHING TRAILS AND FOOTPATHS.

2 No trail or footpath may be established under secs. 375 - 415 of this  
3 chapter when

4           (1) the establishment of a trail or footpath is contrary  
5 to public safety;

6           (2) the cost of establishing a trail or footpath is ex-  
7 cessively disproportionate to the need or probable use; or

8           (3) sparsity of population or other available ways or other  
9 factors indicate an absence of a need for a trail or footpath.

10           Sec. 41.20.405. USE AND MARKING OF TRAILS AND FOOTPATHS. Trails  
11 established under secs. 375 - 415 of this chapter may be used for more  
12 than one type of nonmotorized transportation as considered appropriate  
13 by the commissioner of natural resources. The Department of Natural  
14 Resources shall provide a uniform system of marking trails and foot-  
15 paths.

16           Sec. 41.20.415. REPORTS. Cities and boroughs receiving grants  
17 under secs. 375 - 415 of this chapter shall submit to the commissioner  
18 of natural resources complete reports covering its expenditures  
19 relating to the establishment of trails and footpaths. Reports shall  
20 be submitted annually, in the case of projects extending over 12  
21 months. Reports on shorter projects shall be submitted at the  
22 completion of the project.  
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