

1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE BILL NO. 24

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act creating a division of reindeer affairs and a  
7 reindeer affairs board in the Department of Economic  
8 Development."

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

10 \* Section 1. AS 44.45 is amended by adding new sections to read:

11 ARTICLE 6. DIVISION OF REINDEER AFFAIRS.

12 Sec. 44.45.161. DIVISION OF REINDEER AFFAIRS. The division of  
13 reindeer affairs shall:

- 14 (1) cooperate with organizations which represent Alaska  
15 reindeer herdsmen to inventory reindeer herds;
- 16 (2) assist potential herdsmen in finding financial support  
17 for the development of the reindeer industry;
- 18 (3) promote and develop the reindeer industry of this state  
19 through publication of advertising in magazines, newspapers, over  
20 radio and television, and through other advertising media, and by  
21 publishing pamphlets, brochures, and other graphic and pictorial  
22 materials;
- 23 (4) stimulate the interest of the citizens of Alaska in the  
24 economic importance of the reindeer industry;
- 25 (5) carry out project feasibility analyses to serve as  
26 bases for improving the reindeer industry;
- 27 (6) negotiate with potential herdsmen as to studies and  
28 other activities under this chapter which are useful to the potential  
29 herdsmen;

1 (7) provide technical assistance to potential herdsmen  
2 by drawing on professional, specialized, and technical employees of  
3 the department and other agencies;

4 (8) enter into research contracts with the University of  
5 Alaska and private research organizations, and otherwise cooperate  
6 with appropriate public and private institutions in research and  
7 investigations to carry out the purposes of this chapter.

8 Sec. 44.45.163. REINDEER AFFAIRS BOARD. There is the reindeer  
9 affairs board in the Department of Economic Development.

10 Sec. 44.45.165. COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION. (a) The reindeer  
11 affairs board consists of nine members appointed by the governor for  
12 overlapping three-year terms. Members of the board shall be persons  
13 with experience in the reindeer industry and at least five members  
14 shall be engaged in the occupation of reindeer herding.

15 (b) Five members of the board constitute a quorum for the  
16 transaction of business of the board.

17 (c) The chairman of the board shall be elected by the members.

18 Sec. 44.45.167. COMPENSATION, PER DIEM OR EXPENSES. Members of  
19 the reindeer affairs board receive no salary for their service on the  
20 board but are entitled to per diem and travel expenses authorized by  
21 law for boards and commissions.

22 Sec. 44.45.169. DUTIES. The board shall advise and make recom-  
23 mendations to the department in regard to the promotion and development  
24 of reindeer husbandry and the reindeer industry in Alaska.

25 ARTICLE 8. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

26 Sec. 44.45.900. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter

- 27 (1) "department" means the Department of Economic Development  
28 (2) "commissioner" means the commissioner of economic  
29 development.

1 \* Sec. 2. AS 44.45.050(a) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:  
2 (3) the division of reindeer affairs.  
3 \* Sec. 3. AS 44.45.160 is repealed.

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