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1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE BILL NO. 237

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act providing for the continuation of the Alaska  
7 rural environmental assistance program; and providing  
8 for an effective date."

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

10 \* Section 1. AS 03 is amended by adding a new chapter to read:

11 CHAPTER 12. ALASKA RURAL ENVIRONMENTAL

12 ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

13 Sec. 03.12.010. PURPOSE, INTENT AND PUBLIC POLICY. It is the  
14 public policy of this state to safeguard the life, health, property  
15 and public welfare of its citizens. The promotion and development of  
16 land-use practices and programs on agricultural land for the purpose of  
17 abating pollution and improving the environment is within the scope of  
18 this public policy. It is the purpose of this chapter to continue in  
19 effect previously funded federal programs providing cost-share grants  
20 to farm owners and operators for the purpose of agricultural land  
21 development. It is the intent and purpose of this chapter that pro-  
22 grams promoting and contributing to the development of permanent improve-  
23 ments on agricultural land under the rural environmental assistance  
24 program of the United States Department of Agriculture previously  
25 administered and funded by this federal agency continue through  
26 memorandums of agreement, contracts or other means to be administered  
27 as far as practical through the existing Agricultural Stabilization and  
28 Conservation Service county field offices and committees. This program  
29 is to be known as the Alaska rural environmental assistance program.

1           Sec. 03.12.020. ADMINISTRATION. The Department of Natural Re-  
2 resources shall administer the Alaska rural environmental assistance  
3 program. The commissioner may approve or disapprove requests for cost-  
4 sharing grants submitted to him through the state Agricultural Stabili-  
5 zation and Conservation Service Committee. The commissioner may also  
6 enter into memorandums of agreement, contracts, and other arrangements  
7 with agencies of the United States Department of Agriculture, agencies  
8 of state and local governments or private persons for the purpose of  
9 obtaining administrative and technical assistance in the administration  
10 and operation of the Alaska rural environmental assistance program.

11           Sec. 03.12.030. GUIDELINES FOR STATE AND COUNTY COMMITTEES. The  
12 state Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service Committee  
13 and county committees shall continue to process and administer grant  
14 applications and cost-share grants as far as practical in the same  
15 manner as provided under federal law Title 16 U.S.C. 590(d) and  
16 590(g) - 590(q) and federal regulations under 7 C.F.R., part 701, in  
17 effect on March 1, 1973.

18           Sec. 03.12.040. INVESTMENT PLAN. The 1973 rural environmental  
19 assistance program investment plan adopted by the Alaska Agricultural  
20 Stabilization and Conservation Service Committee and the Rural Environ-  
21 mental Assistance Program Development Group is adopted as the Alaska  
22 investment program and shall be revised and updated annually by the  
23 state Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service Committee and  
24 submitted to the department for modification and approval.

25       \* Sec. 2. This Act takes effect on the day after its passage and approval  
26 or on the day it becomes law without approval.  
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