

1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE BILL NO. 302

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act creating a Department of Agriculture, Forestry
7 and Parks; and providing for an effective date."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 44.15.010 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

10 (18) Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Parks.

11 * Sec. 2. AS 44 is amended by adding a new chapter to read:

12 CHAPTER 48. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND PARKS.

13 Sec. 44.48.010. COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND PARKS.

14 The principal executive officer of the Department of Agriculture,
15 Forestry and Parks is the commissioner of agriculture, forestry and
16 parks.

17 Sec. 44.48.020. GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES. The Department of
18 Agriculture, Forestry and Parks shall

19 (1) obtain and distribute information on subjects connected
20 with agriculture, forestry and parks;

21 (2) control and regulate the entry and transportation of
22 seeds, plants, and other horticultural products;

23 (3) control and eradicate the spread of pests injurious to
24 plants, trees, vegetables, livestock, poultry;

25 (4) aid in developing used and unused forestry and agri-
26 cultural resources;

27 (5) experiment and determine practical methods of growing,
28 processing, soil analysis, eradication of obnoxious weeds, control of
29 insects, cheaper and more satisfactory methods of land clearing;

1 (6) administer the state program for the conservation and
2 development of forests, soil, and parks;

3 (7) concern itself with the powers and duties contained in
4 AS 03 and AS 41.

5 * Sec. 3. AS 44.37.020 is amended to read:

6 Sec. 44.37.020. DUTIES OF DEPARTMENT WITH RESPECT TO NATURAL
7 RESOURCES. The Department of Natural Resources shall administer the
8 state program for the conservation and development of natural resources,
9 including [FORESTS, PARKS, AND RECREATIONAL AREAS,] lands, waters,
10 [AGRICULTURE, SOIL CONSERVATION] and minerals (including petroleum and
11 natural gas), but excluding commercial fisheries, sport fish, game,
12 and fur-bearing animals in their natural state.

13 * Sec. 4. AS 44.37.030 is repealed.

14 * Sec. 5. AS 41.15.170(1) is amended to read:

15 (1) "commissioner" means the commissioner of agriculture,
16 forestry and parks [NATURAL RESOURCES];

17 * Sec. 6. AS 03.60.010 is amended to read:

18 Sec. 03.60.010. "DEPARTMENT" AND "COMMISSIONER" DEFINED. In this
19 title

20 (1) "department" means the Department of Agriculture,
21 Forestry and Parks [NATURAL RESOURCES];

22 (2) "commissioner" means the commissioner of agriculture,
23 forestry and parks [NATURAL RESOURCES].

24 * Sec. 7. This Act takes effect July 1, 1974.
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