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1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE BILL NO. 429

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act establishing the Reindeer Policy Board."

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

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

9 CHAPTER 37. REINDEER POLICY BOARD.

10 Sec. 03.37.010. CREATION AND PURPOSE. The Reindeer Policy Board is
11 created to assist the development of a coordinated state plan and pro-
12 gram for assisting the reindeer industry to attain its economic
13 potential for an agriculture based economy in rural Alaska.

14 Sec. 03.37.020. COMPOSITION, APPOINTMENT AND TERM. (a) The board
15 consists of seven members appointed by the governor, of which one member
16 is the president of the reindeer herders association and six members are
17 representatives from each of the following Native regional corporations:
18 Aleut Corporation, Bristol Bay Native Corporation, Calista Corporation,
19 Bering Straits Native Corporation, NANA Regional Corporation and the
20 Arctic Slope Regional Corporation. The Reindeer Policy Board may be ex-
21 panded if representation is requested by other Native regional corporations.

22 (b) The director of the division of lands, Department of Natural
23 Resources, and the director of the division of economic enterprise,
24 Department of Economic Development, shall serve as nonvoting, ex officio
25 members of the board.

26 (c) The term of appointment shall be for three years and until a
27 successor is appointed. No more than two new members may be appointed
28 during any one year.

29 Sec. 03.37.030. BOARD EXPENSES. Members of the board serve with-

1 out compensation, but are entitled to necessary travel expenses and
2 per diem.

3 Sec. 03.37.040. ADMINISTRATIVE AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. The
4 board may employ consultants and sufficient personnel to carry out the
5 provisions of this chapter. During the first year of operation, the
6 division of economic enterprise shall provide necessary administrative
7 services. The board may receive and expend grants and other financial
8 assistance offered by private or governmental sources to carry out the
9 provisions of this chapter.

10 Sec. 03.37.050. DUTIES OF BOARD. The board shall

11 (1) present to the legislature and the governor a report of
12 the policies and programs that will encourage the reindeer industry to
13 attain its full economic potential;

14 (2) coordinate efforts and resources of university, federal
15 and state agencies having an interest in developing the reindeer
16 industry;

17 (3) determine the research programs necessary to modernize
18 the industry and increase its economic potential;

19 (4) assist individual herders and community owned herds with
20 problems relating to reindeer industry management;

21 (5) investigate and analyze the major food supply industry
22 in order to evaluate the potential for the marketing, slaughtering,
23 processing and transporting of reindeer meat;

24 (6) investigate the potential secondary industries generating
25 from the reindeer industry including tannery, clothing manufacture,
26 antler harvesting, smoked meats, tourist souvenir pack, reindeer by-
27 products industry, and hand crafted items;

28 (7) investigate the potential for "support industry" growth
29 to the reindeer industry including supplement feeds, hydroponic feed

1 raising, show animals, and reindeer fairs.

2 Sec. 03.37.060. REPORTS. The board shall make an annual report
3 to the legislature and the governor 10 days after the convening of
4 each session of the legislature. The report shall include an analysis
5 of the present status of the industry, progress and growth in the
6 industry for the past year, recommendations for programs for the
7 following year, an evaluation of the activities and accomplishments in
8 terms of continuing objectives of the program, and a fiscal accounting
9 of expenditures of the board.
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