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1 IN THE HOUSE

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CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 68

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A BILL

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For an Act entitled: "An Act creating the Alaska youth hostel system."

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

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* Section 1. AS 41.20 is amended by adding new sections to read:

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Sec. 41.20.500. CREATION. There is established the Alaska youth hostel system within the division of parks and recreation, Department of Natural Resources.

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Sec. 41.20.510. DUTIES. The division shall

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(1) after consultation with local and community organizations and after maximum utilization of existing local effort, plan and develop a statewide system of youth hostel facilities;

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(2) provide for the acquisition, construction, care, improvement, maintenance, and supervision of the hostel facilities; however, nothing prohibits the division from contracting for the services required under this paragraph;

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(3) acquire, by purchase, gift or otherwise, land suitable for the construction of youth hostel facilities;

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(4) cooperate and consult with national or international organizations established for the purpose of establishing or regulating youth hostel facilities and follow, where appropriate, the specific guidelines established by the American Youth Hostel Association and the International Youth Hostel Association;

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(5) adopt, in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, regulations governing the establishment and administration of youth hostel facilities.

1 Sec. 41.20.520. HOSTEL LOCATION. In developing the statewide
2 system of Alaska youth hostels, the division shall, within the limits
3 of available funding, and after receiving the recommendations of
4 the Alaska Youth Hostel Advisory Committee, provide for at least one
5 youth hostel in each of the five following major regions of the state:
6 arctic, southcentral, interior, southwestern, and southeastern. Hostel
7 facilities shall be located, when possible, within major population
8 areas within those regions. Other hostels may be established within
9 the five regions as funding permits.

10 Sec. 41.20.530. HOSTEL USE FEE. The division shall establish a
11 reasonable daily hostel use fee. All money received from the operation
12 of a youth hostel, including income from concessions and donations,
13 shall be deposited in the general fund of the state.

14 Sec. 41.20.540. HOSTEL FACILITY. Each youth hostel facility
15 shall be equipped with suitable toilet and kitchen facilities. Each
16 facility shall be supervised under regulations adopted by the division
17 of parks and recreation.

18 Sec. 41.20.550. ALASKA YOUTH HOSTEL ADVISORY COMMITTEE. (a)
19 There is created the Alaska Youth Hostel Advisory Committee consisting
20 of four persons, to include the director of the division of parks and
21 recreation or his designee, and three others, each from the following
22 fields of expertise: correctional or youth services, education, and
23 recreation.

24 (b) Members of the committee are appointed by the governor for
25 terms of three years. Upon initial appointment, one shall serve for
26 one year, one for two years, and one for three years.

27 (c) Members of the committee serve without compensation but are
28 entitled to per diem and travel expenses authorized by law for boards
29 and commissions. The committee shall meet at least three times a year.

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(d) The committee shall

(1) recommend to the division of parks and recreation locations for the construction of youth hostels;

(2) advise the division on use policy for the Alaska youth hostel system;

(3) render other assistance considered necessary and appropriate by the division.

(e) The members of the Alaska Youth Hostel Advisory Committee are exempt from the financial disclosure requirements of AS 39.50.

Sec. 41.20.560. REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE. The division of parks and recreation shall report to the legislature each year during its regular session. The report shall give the number of hostels established, their location, the extent to which they have been utilized, and general recommendations for improvement of the program.

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