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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 796

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the provision of safe water and  
7 hygienic sewage disposal facilities in villages."

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

9 \* Section 1. AS 46.07.040 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

10 (c) The commissioner shall plan the implementation of the pro-  
11 grams authorized under this chapter.

12 (d) When the commissioner determines that the village governing  
13 body does not have sufficient financial resources to operate and main-  
14 tain the facility, the commissioner may make grants to the governing  
15 body in amounts which, when combined with other financial assistance  
16 available to it, will enable the governing body to operate and maintain  
17 the facility.

18 (e) The commissioner shall provide training in the operation and  
19 maintenance of facilities constructed under this chapter to persons  
20 residing in the village where the facility is to be located; the commis-  
21 sioner shall establish minimum qualifications for persons who may be  
22 selected by the village governing body for training.

23 (f) The commissioner shall provide stipends to assist qualifying  
24 persons to receive training in the operation and maintenance of facili-  
25 ties constructed under this chapter and shall develop and deliver an  
26 operation and maintenance training program or shall utilize training  
27 programs existing in a state educational institution.

28 (g) The commissioner shall assist the governing body of the  
29 village to establish individual and institutional fees for facility use.

1 to identify all other potential facility income sources, and to annu-  
2 ally review and make adjustments where necessary of user fees and other  
3 income sources, in a manner to foster an arrangement in which the  
4 facility could be financially self-sufficient within 10 years of con-  
5 struction.

6 (h) Upon completion of the facility the commissioner shall  
7 execute the necessary transfers of title to vest complete ownership of  
8 the facility in the governing body.

9 \* Sec. 2. AS 46.07.050(a) is repealed and re-enacted to read:

10 (a) It is the responsibility of the village governing body to  
11 maintain and operate the safe water and hygienic sewage disposal facili-  
12 ty. The commissioner may not construct a facility unless

13 (1) the village governing body submits a plan whereby the  
14 facility to be constructed will become financially self-sufficient  
15 within 10 years of completion of construction; and

16 (2) the village governing body gives satisfactory assurances  
17 that it will, upon completion of a facility, accept ownership and re-  
18 sponsibility for the operation and maintenance of the facility.

19 \* Sec. 3. AS 46.07.050(b) is repealed.  
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