

1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE BY  
REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

2 SENATE BILL NO. 674

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 Cook Inlet Land Exchange;  
7 and providing for an effective date."

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

9 \* Section 1. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE. The legislature has reviewed and  
10 considered the document transmitted by the governor entitled "Terms and  
11 Conditions for Land Management and Consolidation in the Cook Inlet Area,"  
12 as printed in Report No. 94-729, United States House of Representatives.  
13 The legislature finds the land exchange provided for by those terms and  
14 conditions, that is, the Cook Inlet Land Exchange, to be consistent with  
15 law, a matter of statewide significance, and in the general public interest.  
16 While the land exchange is authorized by existing law, the vagueness and  
17 ambiguity of the provisions of the applicable law create a situation which  
18 may well involve protracted and divisive litigation and continuing uncer-  
19 tainty and disruption with respect to public and private land management.  
20 The law on the subject will be amended to remove any vagueness or ambiguity,  
21 but the timing for the land exchange requires action now, before amendment  
22 for clarification of the general law on land exchanges. The Cook Inlet  
23 Land Exchange settles existing and threatened litigation. The purpose of  
24 this Act is to insure that the exchange does not lead to further, protracted  
25 and divisive litigation.

26 \* Sec. 2. APPROVAL OF EXCHANGE. The Cook Inlet Land Exchange as set  
27 out in the document referred to in sec. 1 of this Act is approved, and the  
28 commissioner of natural resources is expressly authorized to execute the  
29 agreement for the land exchange and consummate the land exchange notwith-

1 standing any other provision of law.

2 \* Sec. 3. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.-  
3 10.070(c).

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