

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

2 CS HOUSE BILL NO. 903

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act establishing an invention awards program."

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

8 * Section 1. PURPOSE. It is the purpose of this Act to recognize through
9 the establishment of an invention awards program that individual creative
10 effort has produced unmeasured growth in industry and great stimulus to our
11 economy generally and that the granting of incentives through annual inven-
12 tion awards will further stimulate this growth on a state wide basis, result
13 in a more sophisticated technology, and provide the means to improve the
14 quality of life in this state.

15 * Sec. 2. AS 44.19 is amended by adding new sections to read:

16 ARTICLE 9H. ALASKA INVENTIONS COMMITTEE.

17 Sec. 44.19.853. CREATION. There is established in the Office of
18 the Governor the Alaska Inventions Committee.

19 Sec. 44.19.855. COMPOSITION. The committee shall consist of nine
20 members, representative of varying fields of science, who are widely
21 known for their competence and experience or interest in science or
22 scientific endeavors.

23 Sec. 44.19.857. APPOINTMENT. The members of the committee shall
24 be appointed by the governor from among citizens of the state. In
25 making the appointments, the governor shall consider (1) the recommenda-
26 tions made by representative educational and professional organizations
27 demonstrating commitment and concern for progress in science and (2)
28 statewide geographical representation on the committee. Members serve
29 at the pleasure of the governor for terms of two years.

1 Sec. 44.19.859. COMPENSATION. The members of the committee re-
2 ceive no compensation for their services, but are entitled to per diem
3 and travel expenses as provided by law for boards and commissions.

4 Sec. 44.19.861. MEETINGS. After an initial organizational meet-
5 ing, the members of the committee shall hold one meeting a year for the
6 purpose of judging inventions submitted to the committee by persons who
7 are residents of the state and eligible to enter the contest under the
8 requirements established by secs. 853 - 869 of this chapter.

9 Sec. 44.19.863. CONTEST RULES AND GUIDELINES. The committee, at
10 its initial organizational meeting, shall establish rules and guidelines
11 necessary to implement secs. 853 - 869 of this chapter, including but
12 not limited to establishing

- 13 (1) the amount of the entry fee;
- 14 (2) the period of time within which entries must be sub-
15 mitted;
- 16 (3) application and entry procedures;
- 17 (4) criteria for eligibility;
- 18 (5) subject categories for judging purposes;
- 19 (6) the manner of presentation of awards;
- 20 (7) the time and place for the annual meeting;
- 21 (8) the extent to which the subject or nature of each entry
22 must relate to the development or enhancement of the Alaska economy.

23 Sec. 44.19.865. ADVERTISEMENT. The annual inventor's contest
24 shall be advertised in newspapers of general circulation within the
25 state and in a selection of periodicals distributed in the state that
26 are calculated to reach those who may be interested in entering the con-
27 test. All winning entries may be retained by the committee for a period
28 of not more than 30 days for display and publicity purposes.

29 Sec. 44.19.867. AWARDS. Each entry shall be screened initially by

1 the committee to determine whether it meets, in the determination of the
2 committee, a minimum standard of excellence. An entry determined to be
3 suitable for final judging is eligible to compete for a grand prize in
4 an amount to be determined by the legislature. Other monetary awards
5 may be awarded by the committee to entries eligible to compete for the
6 grand prize, but no single award may be less than the cost of applying
7 for individual patent.

8 Sec. 44.19.869. DEFINITIONS. In secs. 853 - 869 of this chapter,

9 (1) "committee" means the Alaska Inventions Committee estab-
10 lished in sec. 853 of this chapter;

11 (2) "invention" means a discovery or process for which a
12 patent has been issued under federal law (35 U.S.C. secs. 101 - 375).
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