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1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 SENATE CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 262

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to search and rescue and creating a
7 search and rescue fund; and providing for an effective
8 date."

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

10 * Section 1. AS 18.60.120 is amended to read:

11 Sec. 18.60.120. SEARCH [RELIEF] AND RESCUE PARTIES. Upon being
12 notified that a person is lost, injured, killed, or is in need of imme-
13 diatate rescue [OR ABSENT FROM HIS USUAL PLACE OF ABODE FOR A PERIOD OF
14 TIME OR UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES GIVING REASONABLE APPREHENSION THAT HE IS
15 LOST], the commissioner of public safety or his designee may appoint a
16 competent person to organize, direct, and guide a search and rescue
17 [SHALL SEND OUT A RESCUE AND RELIEF] party for the purpose of rescuing
18 or retrieving [AND RELIEVING] the [LOST] person or his remains. [THE
19 COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC SAFETY OR HIS DESIGNEE SHALL APPOINT A COMPETENT
20 PERSON TO ORGANIZE, DIRECT AND GUIDE THE RESCUE AND RELIEF PARTY.]

21 * Sec. 2. AS 18.60.130 is amended to read:

22 Sec. 18.60.130. EXPENSES OF SEARCH [RELIEF] AND RESCUE PARTIES.
23 The expense of the search [RELIEF] and rescue party shall be paid out of
24 the state treasury upon vouchers properly made out, [AND] signed, and
25 sworn to by the person appointed to direct the search and rescue [AND
26 RELIEF] party. The oath to the voucher shall be taken and made before
27 the commissioner of public safety or his designee [WHO APPOINTS THE
28 PERSON] and may be paid only after it has been approved by the commis-
29 sioner of public safety or his designee. In approving the voucher, the

1 commissioner of public safety or his designee shall consider the neces-
2 sity of the search [RELIEF] and rescue party, the reasonableness of the
3 expenses, and the proper audit of the voucher. [THE COMMISSIONER OF
4 PUBLIC SAFETY SHALL ADOPT RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE GUIDANCE OF HIS
5 DESIGNEE GOVERNING THE AUTHORIZATION OF RESCUE AND RELIEF PARTIES AND OF
6 THEIR EXPENSES.]

7 * Sec. 3. AS 18.60.140 is amended to read:

8 Sec. 18.60.140. LIMITATION OF AMOUNT OF EXPENDITURE FOR SEARCH AND
9 RESCUE [OR RELIEF]. A designee of the commissioner of public safety may
10 obligate the state in an amount up to one percent of the maximum amount
11 of the search and rescue fund [\$1,000] in any one case of search and
12 rescue [AND RELIEF]. If the commissioner of public safety approves, he
13 shall state the additional amount that may be expended in each case, and
14 his approval shall be attached to the voucher.

15 * Sec. 4. AS 18.60 is amended by adding a new section to read:

16 Sec. 18.60.145. SEARCH AND RESCUE FUND. There is created in the
17 Department of Public Safety a search and rescue fund which may not
18 exceed \$250,000. The commissioner of public safety or his designee
19 shall administer the fund for the purpose of conducting search and
20 rescue operations under AS 18.60.120 - 18.60.175.

21 * Sec. 5. AS 18.60.175 is amended to read:

22 Sec. 18.60.175. REGULATIONS. The Department of Public Safety
23 shall adopt [PROMULGATE] regulations necessary to carry out the duties
24 assigned by AS 18.60.120 - 18.60.170, [SPECIFICALLY] including regula-
25 tions dealing with the handling of nonexpendable property purchased
26 during a search or rescue mission and expenditures of money for search
27 and rescue. These regulations shall be adopted [PROMULGATED] in accord-
28 ance with the Administrative Procedure Act (AS 44.62).

29 * Sec. 6. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.10.-

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