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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE BY
REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 424

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the Alaska International Trade
7 Commission; and providing for an effective date."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 44.33 is amended by adding a new article to read:

10 ARTICLE 8. ALASKA INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION.

11 Sec. 44.33.350. ALASKA INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION. There is
12 created in the Department of Commerce and Economic Development the
13 Alaska International Trade Commission the purpose of which is to
14 stimulate and assist the interaction of trade and finance between
15 Alaska and foreign trading partners in order to enhance and encourage
16 development and trade opportunities beneficial to Alaska.

17 Sec. 44.33.360. MEMBERSHIP ON THE COMMISSION. The commission
18 consists of nine members, five of whom are members representing Alaska
19 business, finance, and industry, and four of whom represent state
20 government. The governor shall designate one or two of the govern-
21 mental members to chair the commission, and the commission shall select
22 a governmental member to act as secretary of the commission. Staff
23 support must be provided by the Department of Commerce and Economic
24 Development.

25 Sec. 44.33.370. COMPENSATION FOR MEMBERS. Members of the commis-
26 sion are not entitled to receive compensation for their services, but
27 they are entitled to receive travel pay and per diem as provided by
28 the law for boards and commissions.

29 Sec. 44.30.380. DUTIES. The commission shall

1 (1) advise the governor, foreign industries, and the Alaska
2 business community of potential investment opportunities and business
3 relationships;

4 (2) assist representatives of foreign industries seeking
5 business contacts in Alaska by putting them into communication with
6 similarly-business or industry representatives;

7 (3) assist in making available to Alaska and foreign busi-
8 nesses and industries industrial technicians, specialists, and experts
9 who may be helpful in developing or implementing international trade
10 compacts.

11 Sec. 44.33.390. TERM OF OFFICE. (a) The initial terms of
12 office for two nongovernmental members and one governmental member of
13 the commission appointed under AS 44.33.360 are one year. The initial
14 terms of the other members of the commission are two years. Length of
15 initial terms are to be determined by lot. Subsequent terms for all
16 commission members are two years.

17 (b) A vacancy occurring in the membership of the commission is
18 to be filled by appointment by the governor for the unexpired portion
19 of the vacated term.

20 (c) Commission members serve at the pleasure of the governor.

21 * Sec. 2. The terms of members appointed to the Alaska International
22 Trade Commission as created by Administrative Order No. 50 terminate on the
23 termination date of that order, but the members may be appointed under this
24 Act.

25 * Sec. 3. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.-
26 10.070(c).

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