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2 HOUSE BILL NO. 863

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act providing for a Task Force on Fire Prevention
7 and Control; and providing for an effective date."

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

9 * Section 1. TASK FORCE ON FIRE PREVENTION AND CONTROL. The Alaska Task
10 Force on Fire Prevention and Control is established in the Office of the
11 Governor.

12 * Sec. 2. MEMBERSHIP. (a) The Alaska Task Force on Fire Prevention and
13 Control consists of nine members to be appointed by the governor, without
14 regard to political affiliation, to be selected as follows:

15 (1) one member from the Alaska State Firefighters Association from
16 a list of nominees provided by the association;

17 (2) One members from the International Association of Firefighters
18 from a list of nominees provided by the association;

19 (3) one member from the Alaska Fire Chiefs Association from a list
20 of nominees provided by the association;

21 (4) one member representative of the insurance industry;

22 (5) a contractor licensed under AS 08.18;

23 (6) an architect licensed under AS 08.48;

24 (7) an educator from the state public school system;

25 (8) one public member; and

26 (9) one member representative of the Alaska Municipal League from
27 a list of nominees provided by the league.

28 (b) There shall be at least one member from each judicial district.

29 (c) The state fire marshal shall be an ex officio member of the task

1 force.

2 * Sec. 3. OBJECTIVES. The objectives of the task force are to

3 (1) identify and provide a detailed account of the fire loss
4 problem in the state, including causal factors;

5 (2) identify and define the present roles and relationships of the
6 agencies in the state which are involved in fire protection activities at the
7 local, regional, state and federal levels;

8 (3) recommend organizational or operational modifications to
9 improve the effectiveness of the state's fire protection system;

10 (4) provide documentation that will assist all levels of govern-
11 ment agencies in effectively addressing their fire protection responsibili-
12 ties.

13 * Sec. 4. CHAIRMAN. The members of the Task Force on Fire Prevention and
14 Control shall elect a chairman from their membership.

15 * Sec. 5. PROJECT DIRECTOR. The Task Force on Fire Prevention and Con-
16 trol shall contract with a research analyst to function as an impartial
17 investigator and project director. The project director shall be under the
18 direction of the chairman.

19 * Sec. 6. MEETINGS. The Task Force on Fire Prevention and Control shall
20 meet at least once every three months. The first meeting shall be not later
21 than 60 days following the appointment of the nine members to the task force.

22 * Sec. 7. COMPENSATION. The members of the Task Force on Fire Prevention
23 and Control serve without compensation but are entitled to per diem and
24 travel expenses authorized by law for boards and commissions.

25 * Sec. 8. DUTIES. The Task Force on Fire Prevention and Control shall

26 (1) request and review information concerning the causes and
27 nature of fire losses in the state;

28 (2) hold public hearings and meetings to determine the extent of
29 public awareness of the present fire protection systems;