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BY THE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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HOUSE BILL NO. 965

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the highway from the Yukon River to
the Arctic Ocean; and providing for effective dates."

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

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* Section 1. AS 19.40 is amended by adding a new section to read:

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Sec. 19.40.075. USE OF HIGHWAY. (a) The department shall keep
the highway open all year to commercial traffic.

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(b) Beginning June 1, 1985, or five years after the completion of
a natural gas pipeline from the North Slope to the Yukon River,
whichever is later, the section of the highway from the Yukon River to
Coldfoot shall be open to the public from June 1 until September 1 each
year in the same manner as other state highways.

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(c) Hunting, other than subsistence hunting, is prohibited in the
area within 10 miles of each side of the highway.

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(d) Off-road vehicles are prohibited in the area within 10 miles
on each side of the highway. However, a person who holds a patented
mining claim in the area within 10 miles on each side of the highway on
the effective date of this Act may have access to his claim.

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(e) The state may not dispose of state land in the area within 10
miles on each side of the highway.

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* Sec. 2. AS 19.40.080 is amended by adding new paragraphs to read:

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(3) "commercial traffic" means the movement of vehicles
engaged in commerce and subject to tariff regulation by the Alaska
Transportation Commission (AS 42.07);

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(4) "subsistence hunting" means the taking of game animals by

1 a state resident within 50 miles of his residence for food or clothing
2 for personal or immediate family use.

3 * Sec. 3. Sections 1 and 2 of this Act take effect on the date a commis-
4 sion appointed to study the use of the highway from the Yukon River to the
5 Arctic Ocean determines that cultural, subsistence, and scenic values will
6 not be adversely affected by public use of the highway and submits its final
7 report to that effect in accordance with sec. 7 of this Act.

8 * Sec. 4. There is established the Advisory Commission on Public Use of
9 the Highway from the Yukon River to the Arctic Ocean.

10 * Sec. 5. The Advisory Commission on Public Use of the Highway from the
11 Yukon River to the Arctic Ocean consists of five members, three appointed by
12 the governor and one member appointed by the presiding officer of each house.
13 Members of the commission serve without compensation but are entitled to per
14 diem and travel expenses authorized by law for other boards and commissions.

15 * Sec. 6. The Advisory Commission on Public Use of the Highway from the
16 Yukon River to the Arctic Ocean may request and review information, hold
17 public hearings and meetings, and engage professional and scientific assis-
18 tance in order to determine the impact of public use of the highway from the
19 Yukon River to the Arctic Ocean on cultural, subsistence, and scenic values.

20 * Sec. 7. The Advisory Commission on Public Use of the Highway from the
21 Yukon River to the Arctic Ocean shall submit to the legislature a final
22 report containing its findings regarding the opening to public use of the
23 highway from the Yukon River to the Arctic Ocean. The final report shall be
24 submitted by June 1, 1985, or by the first day of June in the fifth year
25 after the completion of the natural gas pipeline from the North Slope to the
26 Yukon River, whichever is later.

27 * Sec. 8. Sections 4, 5, and 6 of this Act take effect immediately in
28 accordance with AS 01.10.070(c).

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