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1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE BILL NO. 121

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act providing for the certification to compliance
7 with minimum standards of companies engaged in weld-
8 ing."

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

10 * Section 1. AS 08.99 is amended by adding new sections to read:

11 Sec. 08.99.011. ALASKA WELDING BUREAU. There is established in
12 the Department of Commerce and Economic Development, division of occupa-
13 tional licensing, the Alaska welding bureau.

14 Sec. 08.99.021. ADMINISTRATION OF WELDING BUREAU. Administration
15 and enforcement of the provisions of this chapter is assigned to the
16 chief of the Alaska welding bureau, who is responsible to the director
17 of the division of occupational licensing. Personnel employed in the
18 bureau shall perform their duties under direction of the chief of the
19 bureau.

20 Sec. 08.99.031. DUTIES. The Alaska welding bureau shall

21 (1) enforce the laws and regulations relating to welding;

22 (2) inquire into the practices and policies of the welding
23 business;

24 (3) review and, by regulation adopted in accordance with the
25 Administrative Procedure Act, adopt, amend or repeal national welding
26 standards as appropriate minimum standards of welding design and for
27 proficiency in welding practice, procedure and inspection for projects
28 undertaken in the state;

29 (4) undertake a program of audit and periodic inspection of

1 welding businesses and projects to assure conformance to minimum stand-
2 ards which have been adopted by regulation;

3 (5) establish a program of certification of companies engaged
4 in welding fabrication and inspection to assure compliance with the
5 qualification requirements of the standards adopted, and to permit main-
6 tenance of certification in conjunction with changes in personnel,
7 facilities, procedures, and technology;

8 (6) prescribe and require the payment of a certification fee
9 based on a company's welding activity to meet continuing qualification
10 requirements; and

11 (7) publish on or about March 1 of each year a directory
12 which lists the names and addresses of firms engaged in welding fabri-
13 cation or inspection that meet or exceed the appropriate minimum re-
14 quirements and standards of welding design and proficiency in welding
15 practice, procedure and inspection.

16 Sec. 08.99.041. DIVISIONS. Companies meeting the requirements
17 imposed by minimum standards adopted in accordance with AS 08.99.031(3)
18 are certified in one of three divisions:

19 (1) Division 1 includes companies which employ full time one
20 or more professional engineers responsible to the company for welding
21 design and for welding procedures and practice and employ full time one
22 or more welding supervisors responsible to the company for the super-
23 vision of welding;

24 (2) Division 2 includes companies which employ full time one
25 or more welding supervisors responsible to the company for the super-
26 vision of welding and

27 (A) retain part time a registered professional engineer
28 or engineers responsible to the company for welding design and
29 welding procedures and practice; or

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(B) are involved exclusively in the fabrication of equipment for which the welding design is supplied by the owner, and retain or employ a registered professional engineer responsible to the company only for welding procedures and practice;

(3) Division 3 includes companies which employ full time one or more welding supervisors responsible to the company for the direct supervision of welding.

Sec. 08.99.051. EFFECT OF CERTIFICATION. Certification granted by the Alaska welding bureau indicates that, consistent with the requirements imposed by the division in which the company is certified, the company has the organization, personnel, welding procedures and welding equipment required to provide satisfactory welds and weldments. Production of satisfactory welds is the responsibility of the certified company. It is the responsibility of the purchaser to assure, through adequate inspection, that the required quality is attained.

Sec. 08.99.061. DECERTIFICATION. Companies not adhering to the requirements of applicable standards adopted in accordance with AS 08.-99.031(3) may have their certification withdrawn by the bureau at any time. Written notice of the reasons for decertification shall be mailed to the company and reasonable time provided to the company to provide for the correction to the standards on which the company's certification is based. If the company fails to undertake corrective action within the time provided, the chief of the bureau shall withdraw certification of the company and advise the company by letter.

* Sec. 2. AS 08.03.010(b)(10) and AS 08.99.010 - 08.99.120 are repealed.