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1 IN THE SENATE

2 SENATE BILL NO. 315

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
13 immediate rescue [OR ABSENT FROM HIS USUAL PLACE OF ABODE FOR A PERIOD
14 OF TIME OR UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES GIVING REASONABLE APPREHENSION THAT HE
15 IS LOST,] the commissioner of public safety or his designee may appoint
16 a 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
24 of the state treasury upon vouchers properly made out, [AND] signed
25 and sworn to by the person appointed to direct the search [RELIEF] and
26 rescue 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,

1 the commissioner of public safety or his designee shall consider the
2 necessity of the search [RELIEF] and rescue party, the reasonableness
3 of the expenses and the proper audit of the voucher. [THE COMMISSIONER
4 OF PUBLIC SAFETY SHALL ADOPT RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE GUIDANCE OF
5 HIS DESIGNEE GOVERNING THE AUTHORIZATION OF RESCUE AND RELIEF PARTIES
6 AND OF 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
9 AND RESCUE [OR RELIEF]. A designee of the commissioner of public
10 safety may obligate the state in an amount up to one per cent of the
11 maximum amount of the search and rescue fund [\$1,000] in any one case
12 of search and rescue [AND RELIEF]. If the commissioner of public
13 safety approves, he shall state the additional amount that may be
14 expended in each case, and his approval shall be attached to the
15 voucher.

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

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

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

23 Sec. 18.60.175. REGULATIONS. The Department of Public Safety
24 shall adopt [PROMULGATE] regulations necessary to carry out the duties
25 assigned by AS 18.60.120 -- 18.60.170 [SECS. 120-170 OF THIS CHAPTER],
26 [SPECIFICALLY] including regulations dealing with the handling of
27 nonexpendable property purchased during a search or rescue mission and
28 expenditures of money for search and rescue. These regulations shall
29 be adopted [PROMULGATED] in accordance with the Administrative Proce-

1 dure Act (AS 44.62).

2 * Sec. 6. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS
3 01.10.070(c).

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