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2 SENATE BILL NO. 377

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 highway safety."

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

8 * Section 1. AS 44.19.025 is amended to read:

9 Sec. 44.19.025. ADMINISTRATION OF HIGHWAY SAFETY PROGRAM. The
10 governor may contract and do all other things necessary on behalf of
11 this state under the Federal Highway Safety Act of 1966, and may co-
12 operate with interested persons and agencies [FEDERAL AND STATE
13 AGENCIES, PRIVATE AND CORPORATE AGENCIES, INTERESTED CORPORATIONS, AND
14 INDIVIDUALS,] to effect [EFFECTUATE] the purposes of that Act. The
15 governor may designate a person to serve as his highway safety represen-
16 tative; however, the governor is the official in this state having the
17 ultimate responsibility for dealing with the federal government with
18 respect to programs and activities under the Federal Highway Safety Act
19 of 1966. He shall coordinate the activities relating to highway safety
20 of state departments, agencies and subdivisions and of the Highway
21 Safety Commission established in AS 44.19.801.

22 * Sec. 2. AS 44.19 is amended by adding new sections to read:

23 ARTICLE 10A. HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMISSION.

24 Sec. 44.19.801. HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMISSION. (a) There is estab-
25 lished in the Office of the Governor the Highway Safety Commission.

26 (b) The Highway Safety Commission is composed of 15 members, who
27 shall include:

28 (1) the attorney general and the commissioners of public
29 safety, transportation and public facilities, and health and social

1 services;

2 (2) one superior court or district court judge who is ex-
3 perenced in the adjudication of traffic cases selected by the chief
4 justice of the supreme court;

5 (3) three members of the house of representatives selected by
6 the speaker of the house;

7 (4) three members of the senate selected by the president of
8 the senate;

9 (5) four residents of the state selected by the governor
10 based on geographic representation and population distribution.

11 (c) Members of the Highway Safety Commission serve at the pleasure
12 of the governor. Members of the commission receive no salary for their
13 service on the commission, but are entitled to receive the same per diem
14 and travel expenses authorized by law for boards and commissions.

15 Sec. 44.19.811. POWERS AND DUTIES. (a) The Highway Safety Com-
16 mission acts as the state planning agency and assists the governor in
17 the exercise of his powers and duties under AS 44.19.025. The commis-
18 sion may apply for, receive, and utilize grants, gifts and other forms
19 of assistance from the federal government and from other public and
20 private sources for the execution of its programs.

21 (b) The Highway Safety Commission may investigate state and local
22 highway safety needs and seek funding for the development of more effec-
23 tive programs and techniques to

24 (1) alleviate and prevent traffic accidents;

25 (2) aid the court system in the adjudication of traffic
26 cases;

27 (3) aid peace officers in the enforcement of traffic laws;

28 and

29 (4) rehabilitate traffic offenders and prevent recidivism.

1 (c) The Highway Safety Commission shall provide planning and
2 coordination assistance to state agencies with responsibilities related
3 to highway safety to encourage the most efficient allocation, utiliza-
4 tion, and coordination of highway safety and related personnel at the
5 state and local level and to determine reasonable qualifications for the
6 employment of the personnel.

7 (d) The court system and the state departments and agencies with
8 responsibilities related to highway safety shall assist the Highway
9 Safety Commission in the performance of its duties.

10 (e) In order to facilitate communication and cooperation the
11 Highway Safety Commission shall conduct conferences to discuss and plan
12 highway safety, traffic enforcement and adjudication, and offender
13 rehabilitation programs and personnel for the court system and the state
14 departments and agencies.

15 Sec. 44.19.821. STAFF. (a) The governor, or the person desig-
16 nated under AS 44.19.025, with the approval of the governor, may select
17 a director to administer the governor's programs under AS 44.19.025 and
18 the programs of the Highway Safety Commission under AS 44.19.801 -
19 44.19.811.

20 (b) The director may employ personnel as necessary to carry out
21 the functions assigned under this chapter. Personnel employed under
22 this subsection are in the classified service under AS 39.25.100.
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