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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 377 am

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 transportation 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 effectuate the purposes of that Act. The governor
15 may designate a person to serve as his highway safety representative;
16 however, the governor is the official in this state having the ultimate
17 responsibility for dealing with the federal government with respect to
18 programs and activities under the Federal Highway Safety Act of 1966.
19 He shall coordinate the activities relating to highway safety of state
20 departments, agencies and subdivisions and of the Transportation Safety
21 Commission established in AS 44.19.801.

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

23 ARTICLE 10A. TRANSPORTATION SAFETY COMMISSION.

24 Sec. 44.19.801. TRANSPORTATION SAFETY COMMISSION. (a) There is
25 established in the Department of Public Safety the Transportation Safety
26 Commission.

27 (b) The Transportation Safety Commission consists of 15 members,
28 as follows:

29 (1) the attorney general and the commissioners of public

1 safety, transportation and public facilities, and health and social
2 services;

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

6 (3) six members from the legislature, at least one from each
7 house;

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

10 (c) Members of the Transportation Safety Commission other than
11 legislators, serve at the pleasure of the governor. Members of the
12 commission serve without compensation, but are entitled to receive the
13 same per diem and travel expenses authorized by law for boards and
14 commissions.

15 Sec. 44.19.811. POWERS AND DUTIES. (a) The Transportation Safety
16 Commission is the state planning agency and shall assist the governor in
17 the exercise of his powers and duties relating to the Federal Highway
18 Safety Act under AS 44.19.025. The commission may apply for, receive,
19 and use grants, gifts and other assistance from the federal government
20 and from other public and private sources for the execution of its
21 programs.

22 (b) The Transportation Safety Commission may investigate state and
23 local transportation safety needs and seek financing for the development
24 of programs and techniques to

25 (1) alleviate and prevent all types of transportation acci-
26 dents;

27 (2) aid the court system in the adjudication of highway, road
28 and street traffic cases;

29 (3) aid peace officers in the enforcement of all transporta-

1 tion laws; and

2 (4) rehabilitate traffic offenders and prevent recidivism of
3 traffic offenders.

4 (c) The Transportation Safety Commission shall provide assistance,
5 planning, and coordination to state agencies with responsibilities
6 related to transportation safety to encourage the efficient allocation,
7 use, and coordination of transportation safety and related personnel at
8 the state and local level and to determine reasonable qualifications for
9 the employment of that personnel.

10 (d) The court system and the state departments and agencies with
11 responsibilities related to transportation safety shall assist the
12 Transportation Safety Commission in the performance of its duties.

13 (e) In order to facilitate communication and cooperation, the
14 Transportation Safety Commission shall conduct conferences to discuss
15 and plan

16 (1) transportation safety;

17 (2) traffic enforcement and adjudication; and

18 (3) offender rehabilitation programs and personnel for the
19 court system and the state departments and agencies.

20 Sec. 44.19.821. STAFF. (a) The governor, or the person desig-
21 nated under AS 44.19.025, with the approval of the governor, may select
22 a director to administer the governor's programs under AS 44.19.025 and
23 the programs of the Transportation Safety Commission under AS 44.19.-
24 801 - 44.19.811.

25 (b) The director may employ personnel as necessary to carry out
26 the functions assigned under AS 44.19.025 and 44.19.801 - 44.19.811.
27 Personnel employed under this subsection are in the classified service
28 under AS 39.25.100.
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