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1 IN THE SENATE

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HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 377

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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A BILL

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For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to transportation safety."

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

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* Section 1. AS 44.19.025 is amended to read:

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Sec. 44.19.025. ADMINISTRATION OF HIGHWAY SAFETY PROGRAM. The governor may contract and do all other things necessary on behalf of this state under the Federal Highway Safety Act of 1966, and may cooperate with interested persons and agencies [FEDERAL AND STATE AGENCIES, PRIVATE AND CORPORATE AGENCIES, INTERESTED CORPORATIONS, AND INDIVIDUALS,] to effectuate the purposes of that Act. The governor may designate a person to serve as his highway safety representative; however, the governor is the official in this state having the ultimate responsibility for dealing with the federal government with respect to programs and activities under the Federal Highway Safety Act of 1966. He shall coordinate the activities relating to highway safety of state departments, agencies and subdivisions and of the Transportation Safety Commission established in AS 44.19.801.

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

ARTICLE 10A. TRANSPORTATION SAFETY COMMISSION.

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

(b) The Transportation Safety Commission consists of 11 members, as follows:

(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) one member from the senate appointed by the president of
7 the senate and one member from the house of representatives appointed by
8 the speaker of the house;

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 (3) aid peace officers in the enforcement of all transporta-
2 tion laws; and

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

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

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

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

17 (1) transportation safety;

18 (2) traffic enforcement and adjudication; and

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

21 Sec. 44.19.821. STAFF. (a) The governor, or the person desig-
22 nated under AS 44.19.025, with the approval of the governor, may select
23 a director to administer the governor's programs under AS 44.19.025 and
24 the programs of the Transportation Safety Commission under AS 44.19.-
25 801 - 44.19.811.

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