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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE COMMERCE COMMITTEE

2 SENATE BILL NO. 553

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act continuing the existence of the Board of Welding
7 Examiners, and amending the statute relating to its
8 powers and responsibilities; and providing for an
9 effective date."

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

11 * Section 1. AS 08.99.010 is amended to read:

12 Sec. 08.99.010. CREATION AND MEMBERSHIP OF BOARD. There is created
13 the Board of Welding Examiners, consisting of five [SEVEN] members
14 appointed by the governor.

15 * Sec. 2. AS 08.99.020 is amended to read:

16 Sec. 08.99.020. TERM OF OFFICE. Board members serve a term of
17 five years. [HOWEVER, OF THE MEMBERS FIRST APPOINTED, ONE SHALL BE
18 APPOINTED FOR A TERM OF ONE YEAR, ONE FOR TWO YEARS, ONE FOR THREE
19 YEARS, ONE FOR FOUR YEARS, AND THREE FOR TERMS OF FIVE YEARS.]

20 * Sec. 3. AS 08.99.030 is amended to read:

21 Sec. 08.99.030. SOURCE OF APPOINTMENTS. The governor shall ap-
22 point four of the board members from a list of persons prepared by the
23 Alaska Chapter of the American Welding Society and the Alaska Society of
24 Professional Engineers and submitted at least 30 days before the expira-
25 tion of a term and not more than 60 days after a vacancy occurs in an
26 unexpired term. The list shall contain not less than two recommended
27 candidates for each appointment. The governor shall make appointments
28 within 30 days after receiving the list. The governor shall appoint one
29 member from the general public.

1 * Sec. 4. AS 08.99.050 is amended to read:

2 Sec. 08.99.050. QUALIFICATIONS OF BOARD MEMBERS. Each member of
3 the board shall be a citizen of the United States and a resident of the
4 state. At least two [THREE] members shall be persons with engineering
5 degrees or registration as an engineer and each engineer member shall
6 have at least five years engineering experience and at least three years
7 experience in welding. At least two members shall be welding inspectors
8 certified by the American Welding Society. [ALL MEMBERS SHALL HAVE
9 EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE IN WELDING.]

10 * Sec. 5. AS 08.99.080(a)(1) is amended to read:

11 (1) adopt [ESTABLISH AND PROMULGATE RULES AND] regulations
12 concerning certification of welders and welding inspectors in the state;

13 * Sec. 6. AS 08.99.080(a)(2) is amended to read:

14 (2) establish and define certification tests as they apply to
15 various types and categories of work done in or for the state or for a
16 political subdivision of the state;

17 * Sec. 7. AS 08.99.080(a)(3) is amended to read:

18 (3) work with federal and private agencies and specifying
19 engineers to establish uniform testing and certifying methods [FOR ALL
20 WELDERS THROUGHOUT THE STATE];

21 * Sec. 8. AS 08.99.080(a)(9) is amended to read:

22 (9) adopt [PROMULGATE] regulations concerning the quality
23 and inspection of welds and qualifications of welders required in speci-
24 fic areas of industry and construction, including construction by or on
25 behalf of the state or a political subdivision of the state, and desig-
26 nate reporting procedures necessary to certify compliance with these
27 quality standards;

28 * Sec. 9. AS 08.99.080(a) is amended by adding new paragraphs to read:

29 (11) prepare an annual budget to be submitted to the legis-

1 lature and request an annual appropriation from the general fund to
2 cover operating expenses of the board, not to exceed the amount of
3 income to be received from fees under this chapter for the year;

4 (12) adopt regulations requiring the application of the latest
5 standards and codes adopted by the American Welding Society if a contract
6 or job specification fails to designate the standards or codes to be
7 applied to a particular weldment.

8 * Sec. 10. AS 08.99.080(b) is amended to read:

9 (b) The board may request [TECHNICAL] personnel from the Depart-
10 ment of Commerce and Economic Development [LABOR] for the purpose of
11 reviewing and analyzing reports and may request field inspection by the
12 department for the purpose of assuring compliance with, and enforcement
13 of the regulations [, RULES] and orders adopted [PROMULGATED] under this
14 chapter [AS 08.99.010 - 08.99.110].

15 * Sec. 11. AS 08.99.080 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

16 (c) The board may adopt regulations to permit certified welding
17 inspectors to examine, certify, and renew certifications of welders.

18 * Sec. 12. AS 08.99 is amended by adding a new section to read:

19 Sec. 08.99.085. RENEWAL OF WELDING INSPECTOR CERTIFICATES. Not-
20 withstanding AS 08.01.100(a), the certificate of a welding inspector
21 issued under this chapter expires on the date of expiration of the
22 welding inspectors certification by the American Welding Society.

23 * Sec. 13. AS 08.03.010(c) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

24 (2) Board of Welding Examiners (AS 08.99.010) -- June 30,
25 1984.

26 * Sec. 14. AS 08.99.110 and AS 08.03.010(b)(10) are repealed.

27 * Sec. 15. Members of the Board of Welding Examiners serving on the board
28 on the effective date of this Act shall continue in office until the expira-
29 tion of their terms. In the year that three terms of members expire simul-

1 taneously, two of those terms are abolished upon their expiration.

2 * Sec. 16. This Act takes effect June 30, 1980.

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