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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 28 (Finance)

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to youth hostels; and providing for
7 an effective date."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 45 is amended by adding a new chapter to read:

10 CHAPTER 91. YOUTH HOSTEL REVOLVING LOAN FUND.

11 Sec. 45.91.010. FUND ESTABLISHED. There is established in the
12 Department of Commerce and Economic Development the youth hostel re-
13 volving loan fund to finance purchase, construction, and remodeling of
14 youth hostels and the refurbishing of existing buildings for use as
15 youth hostels. Only an applicant proposing a youth hostel that meets
16 the 1981 guidelines that have been established by American Youth
17 Hostels, Inc. may receive a loan from the fund.

18 Sec. 45.91.020. RESPONSIBILITIES OF DEPARTMENT. (a) The depart-
19 ment may make loans for the purchase, construction, or remodeling of
20 youth hostels and the refurbishing of existing buildings for use as
21 youth hostels. Loans may be made only on approval of the coordinator
22 of the Alaska youth hostel program appointed under AS 41.20.450.

23 (b) The department in consultation with the coordinator of the
24 Alaska youth hostel program appointed under AS 41.20.450 shall develop
25 eligibility standards for loans under this chapter.

26 (c) The department may adopt regulations necessary to carry out
27 the provisions of this chapter.

28 Sec. 45.91.030. LOAN TERMS. (a) A loan for the construction of
29 a youth hostel under this chapter may not exceed \$200,000.

1 (b) A loan made under this chapter may be used to finance no more
2 than 90 percent of the total cost of construction of a youth hostel.
3 For the purposes of this section, the value of real estate to be used
4 directly in conjunction with the loan in the construction of a youth
5 hostel, or value of other in-kind contribution, may be counted in
6 calculating the total cost of construction of a youth hostel.

7 (c) The principal of a loan made under this chapter shall be
8 repaid into the youth hostel revolving loan fund in monthly or other
9 installments established by the commissioner. The repayments shall be
10 premised on the rate of \$2 a bed for each night that a bed in the youth
11 hostel financed by the loan is occupied based on the projected income
12 statement of the youth hostel. A night spent in the youth hostel by a
13 supervised school group does not count as a night a bed is occupied
14 under this subsection.

15 (d) A loan made under this chapter is interest free.

16 Sec. 45.91.040. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter

17 (1) "commissioner" means the commissioner of commerce and
18 economic development;

19 (2) "department" means the Department of Commerce and Econo-
20 mic Development.

21 * Sec. 2. AS 18.35.090(1) is amended to read:

22 (1) "tourist accommodations"

23 (A) means a place maintained, or held out to the public
24 for purposes of abode whether occupied by transient or permanent
25 guests whether equipped with tents, tent houses, cottages, auto-
26 mobile trailers, coaches, motor courts, or motels, regardless of
27 whether benefit accrues to the owner or operator;

28 (B) does not mean a youth hostel chartered by American
29 Youth Hostels, Inc.;

1 * Sec. 3. AS 41.20.420(3) is amended to read:

2 (3) cooperate and consult with national or international
3 organizations established for the purpose of establishing or regulating
4 youth hostel facilities and follow, where appropriate, the specific
5 guidelines established by [THE] American Youth Hostels, Inc. [HOSTEL
6 ASSOCIATION] and the International Youth Hostel Association and in
7 effect on the effective date of this Act.

8 * Sec. 4. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.10.-
9 070(c).