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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 565

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act establishing an Alaska Silver Anniversary
7 Commission; and providing for an effective date."

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

9 * Section 1. PURPOSE. The year 1984 will mark the 25th Anniversary of
10 Alaskan statehood. The same year will also be the bicentennial of the first
11 permanent Russian settlement in Alaska established by Gregory Shelikof at
12 Kodiak and the centennial of the passage of the Alaska Organic Act. These
13 historical anniversaries, especially the commemoration of Alaska's first
14 quarter century as a member of the United States, combine to present Alaska
15 with a unique opportunity to both celebrate and inform others about our
16 history and our unique and diverse cultures. A coordinated planned effort
17 culminating in 1984 will improve the general understanding of Alaska and
18 foster a sense of unity and community among all Alaskans. A statewide
19 celebration will provide a vehicle to increase Alaska tourism and develop
20 new markets and products for the renewable and nonrenewable resources of
21 Alaska. The celebration, together with pre-celebration publicity and activi-
22 ties, will focus positive national and international attention on Alaska and
23 its increasing role and position in the Pacific Rim. The creation of an
24 Alaska Silver Anniversary Commission is important to the realization of
25 these goals.

26 * Sec. 2. ALASKA SILVER ANNIVERSARY COMMISSION. (a) There is estab-
27 lished in the Department of Commerce and Economic Development an Alaska
28 Silver Anniversary Commission.

29 (b) The commission consists of five members appointed by the governor.

1 The appointments shall be made within 30 days after the effective date of
2 this Act. Members of the commission serve during its existence unless
3 removed by the governor. A vacancy shall be filled by appointment by the
4 governor. Members of the commission shall select a chairman from the member-
5 ship of the commission. A majority of the commission constitutes a quorum
6 for the transaction of business of the commission.

7 (c) Members of the commission serve without compensation but are
8 entitled to per diem and travel allowances authorized for boards and commis-
9 sions under AS 39.20.180.

10 (d) The commission shall meet at the call of the chairman of the
11 commission, at the request of a majority of the members of the commission,
12 and at regularly scheduled times as determined by a majority of the members
13 of the commission. The commission shall meet at least six times a year.
14 The first meeting of the commission shall be within 60 days of the effective
15 date of this Act.

16 * Sec. 3. DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION. The commission shall

17 (1) develop a statewide silver anniversary master plan which is
18 coordinated with existing and proposed local activities, projects, and
19 facilities throughout the state and which includes a statewide schedule of
20 statewide activities, financial data concerning the costs and benefits of
21 the activities, projects and facilities, and publicity and marketing
22 suggestions;

23 (2) submit the proposed silver anniversary master plan to the
24 Second Session of the Twelfth Legislature;

25 (3) involve citizens around the state in the planning process as
26 well as participating in the actual celebration activities;

27 (4) provide a positive opportunity for citizens of Alaska to work
28 together on a project of statewide importance;

29 (5) promote the participation of Pacific Rim nations and other

1 interested countries in the celebration;

2 (6) submit a final report and accounting of the activity of the
3 commission to be presented to the governor and the Second Session of the
4 Thirteenth Legislature;

5 (7) employ an executive director who serves at the pleasure of
6 the commission and is in the partially exempt service under AS 39.25.120;

7 (8) prescribe the duties of the executive director of the commis-
8 sion and fix his compensation.

9 * Sec. 4. POWERS OF THE COMMISSION. The commission may

10 (1) enter into contracts necessary to accomplish the duties of
11 the commission;

12 (2) receive and dispose of gifts and donations;

13 (3) appoint special committees, which may include persons not
14 members of the commission to assist the commission;

15 (4) conduct a community educational program to explain the goals
16 and purpose of the commission to the people of the state;

17 (5) provide information concerning the celebration of the Alaska
18 silver anniversary to people outside the state;

19 (6) coordinate the efforts of local communities interested in
20 participating in the celebration of the Alaska silver anniversary.

21 * Sec. 5. DEFINITION. In this Act "commission" means the Alaska Silver
22 Anniversary Commission.

23 * Sec. 6. TERMINATION. All powers granted by this Act terminate on
24 December 31, 1984 or when the duties established by this Act are accomp-
25 lished, whichever occurs first.

26 * Sec. 7. This Act takes effect July 1, 1981.
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