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1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 565 (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 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 seven members appointed by the governor.

1 Two of the members shall be state officials and the remaining five public  
2 members shall be residents representing the various areas of the state. The  
3 appointments shall be made within 30 days after the effective date of this  
4 Act. Members of the commission serve during its existence unless removed by  
5 the governor. A vacancy shall be filled by appointment by the governor.  
6 The governor shall appoint a chairman from the membership of the commission.  
7 A majority of the commission constitutes a quorum for the transaction of  
8 business of the commission.

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

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

18 \* Sec. 3. DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION. The commission shall

19 (1) solicit proposals from throughout the state for celebrating  
20 the silver anniversary of the state, including plans for local, regional,  
21 and statewide projects, activities, and facilities together with data con-  
22 cerning the costs and benefits of those proposals;

23 (2) develop a statewide silver anniversary master plan which is  
24 coordinated with existing and proposed local activities, projects, and  
25 facilities throughout the state and which includes a statewide schedule of  
26 statewide activities, financial data concerning the costs and benefits of  
27 the activities, projects and facilities, and publicity and marketing sugges-  
28 tions;

29 (3) submit the proposed silver anniversary master plan to the

1 Second Session of the Twelfth Legislature;

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

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

6 (6) promote the participation of Pacific Rim nations and other  
7 interested countries in the celebration;

8 (7) submit a final report and accounting of the activity of the  
9 commission to be presented to the governor and the Second Session of the  
10 Thirteenth Legislature;

11 (8) employ an executive director who serves at the pleasure of  
12 the commission and is in the partially exempt service under AS 39.25.120;

13 (9) prescribe the duties of the executive director of the commis-  
14 sion and fix his compensation.

15 \* Sec. 4. POWERS OF THE COMMISSION. The commission may

16 (1) enter into contracts necessary to accomplish the duties of  
17 the commission;

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

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

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

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

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

27 \* Sec. 5. DEFINITION. In this Act "commission" means the Alaska Silver  
28 Anniversary Commission.

29 \* Sec. 6. TERMINATION. All powers granted by this Act terminate on

1 December 31, 1984 or when the duties established by this Act are accomp-  
2 lished, whichever occurs first.

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