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1 IN THE SENATE

2 SENATE BILL NO. 161

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 a non-recourse small grains loan
7 program to foster development of a small grain market-
8 ing system; and providing for an effective date."

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

10 * Section 1. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. The legislature finds that

11 (1) there is a need to develop agriculture in the state;

12 (2) the prompt establishment of a small grain marketing system is
13 necessary for the orderly growth of agriculture; and

14 (3) the establishment of a non-recourse loan program for small
15 grains would promote the achievement of these goals.

16 * Sec. 2. AS 03 is amended by adding a new chapter to read:

17 CHAPTER 16. SMALL GRAINS LOAN PROGRAM.

18 Sec. 03.16.010. CREATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF FUND. (a) A
19 small grains revolving loan fund is created which may not exceed
20 \$8,000,000 to carry out the purposes of this chapter.

21 (b) The director shall administer the small grains revolving loan
22 fund.

23 (c) The director may, with the concurrence of the commissioner,
24 enter into a cooperative agreement with the Agricultural Stabilization
25 and Conservation Service of the United States Department of Agriculture
26 or other appropriate agency or organization for the performance of
27 administrative functions related to the small grains non-recourse loan
28 program.

29 (d) The director shall issue regulations to carry out the purposes

1 of this chapter, including but not limited to regulations to insure the
2 equitable rights of participation in the non-recourse loan program and
3 the right of appeal if the producer has information indicating inequit-
4 able treatment or denial of rightful program benefits.

5 Sec. 03.16.020. NON-RECOURSE GRAIN LOANS. The division may make
6 non-recourse grain loans to individual resident farmers and partner-
7 ships or corporations composed of farmers as a means of providing for
8 orderly marketing of small grain products grown in the state. The loan
9 amount shall be made on a per-ton basis and shall be in an amount equal
10 to the difference between the current local federal non-recourse loan
11 level, as established by the United States Secretary of Agriculture,
12 and \$130 for the crop year 1981, and \$120 for crop year 1982. Beginning
13 with 1983, the amount of the non-recourse loan will be limited to the
14 difference between the current local federal non-recourse loan level
15 and the current federal target price as established by the United
16 States Secretary of Agriculture.

17 Sec. 03.16.030. ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT. This chapter is
18 subject to the Administrative Procedure Act (AS 44.62).

19 Sec. 03.16.040. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter,

20 (1) "director" means the director of the division of agri-
21 culture;

22 (2) "division" means the division of agriculture.

23 * Sec. 3. AS 03.19 is repealed.

24 * Sec. 4. AS 03.16 is repealed July 1, 1990.

25 * Sec. 5. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.10.-
26 070(c).