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1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE BILL NO. 623

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to air fares for official state
7 travel."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 39.20 is amended by adding a new section to article 2 to
10 read:

11 Sec. 39.20.105. OFFICIAL STATE AIR TRAVEL. (a) The commissioner
12 of administration shall annually negotiate with the principal air car-
13 riers used for official state travel for

14 (1) reduced air fares for official state travel that reflect
15 the role of the state as a major air travel customer;

16 (2) an agreement that the negotiated fares will remain in
17 effect for at least six months, regardless of rate increases applicable
18 to other travelers;

19 (3) an agreement that travelers will be treated in the same
20 manner as full-fare passengers.

21 (b) An air carrier that refuses to negotiate reduced fares under
22 this section may not be used for official state travel unless there is
23 no other air carrier serving a route or unless the commissioner of
24 administration certifies that an emergency exists. The commissioner may
25 not delegate his authority to certify the existence of an emergency
26 under this subsection.

27 (c) If they are lower than the fares negotiated under this section,
28 the commissioner of administration shall require that travelers use
29 "supersaver" and other available special fares to the maximum extent

1 consistent with the efficient conduct of state business.

2 (d) The legislative auditor shall conduct an annual audit of
3 official state air travel expenditures and report his findings to the
4 legislature.

5 * Sec. 2. AS 39.20.140(b) is amended to read:

6 (b) The Department of Administration may not reimburse an official
7 or employee or pay for more than the lowest tourist class fare for the
8 most direct route unless (1) tourist class accommodation is not avail-
9 able; (2) waiting for tourist class accommodation would occasion a delay
10 harmful to the state; [OR] (3) the Department of Administration finds
11 that travel by tourist class accommodation is not in the best interest
12 of the state, and authorizes other accommodation; or (4) the fare was
13 negotiated under AS 39.20.105.