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HOUSE BILL NO. 110

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to an avalanche and fire weather
7 forecasting system; and providing for an effective
8 date."

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

10 * Section 1. AS 18.76.010 is amended to read:

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CHAPTER 76. ALASKA AVALANCHE

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AND FIRE WEATHER FORECASTING [WARNING] SYSTEM.

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Sec. 18.76.010. PARTICIPATION IN ALASKA [STATEWIDE] AVALANCHE

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AND FIRE WEATHER FORECASTING [WARNING] SYSTEM. The Department of

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Natural Resources [PUBLIC SAFETY], acting in cooperation with a munic-

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ipality, [OR WITH] an agency of the federal government, or with a

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private entity, shall participate in the development and implementa-

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tion of a statewide avalanche and fire weather forecasting [WARNING]

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system, and shall represent the state in the operation of that system.

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The [STATEWIDE] system shall

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(1) establish and maintain a service center and primary and

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supplementary field stations to gather information and data concerning

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(A) [GROUND] weather conditions indicating avalanche

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danger and wild land fire danger; [,]

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(B) snow pack; [,] and

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(C) avalanche activity;

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(2) forecast [SNOW] avalanche conditions throughout the

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state;

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(3) coordinate a public awareness program on avalanche

1 danger;

2 (4) catalog a comprehensive atlas of avalanche paths and
3 slide occurrences; [AND]

4 (5) assist local governments and state agencies in identi-
5 fying hazardous avalanche zones and in developing [SNOW] avalanche
6 zoning regulations; and

7 (6) forecast fire weather conditions throughout the state.

8 * Sec. 2. AS 18.76 is amended by adding a new section to read:

9 Sec. 18.76.100. DEFINITION. In this chapter, "avalanche" means
10 a snow avalanche, and does not include a rockslide or a mud slide.

11 * Sec. 3. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.-
12 10.070(c).