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HOUSE BILL NO. 390

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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

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For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the designation of state highways
as scenic highways; and providing for an effective
date."

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

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* Section 1. AS 19.22 is amended by adding new sections to read:

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Sec. 19.22.022. DESIGNATION AS SCENIC HIGHWAY. (a) To imple-

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ment this chapter, the department shall adopt regulations to establish
standards for the designation of appropriate state highways and por-
tions of state highways as scenic highways.

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(b) The department shall do the following with respect to a
state highway that is designated as a scenic highway:

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(1) maintain the highway consistent with the standards
established by regulation under (a) of this section;

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(2) hire a scenic resource expert to coordinate develop-
ment, maintenance, and planning of the scenic highway;

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(3) promote public awareness and use of the scenic highway
by making recommendations for appropriately renaming the highway and
posting appropriate signs identifying the highway as scenic;

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(4) cooperate with the Department of Natural Resources,
local government agencies, and private persons in the development,
maintenance, and planning of the scenic highway; and

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(5) take all other steps necessary to implement this
chapter.

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Sec. 19.22.024. SCENIC HIGHWAY STUDIES. (a) The department

1 shall conduct studies in cooperation with the Department of Natural
2 Resources to determine what state highways and portions of state
3 highways should be designated as scenic highways under AS 19.22.022.

4 (b) A study conducted under (a) of this section shall include

5 (1) considerations of the overall safety, utility, economy,
6 and scenic beauty of the highway proposed for designation as a scenic
7 highway;

8 (2) the design and appearance of structures and equipment
9 on the highway;

10 (3) right-of-way, landscaping, and view management guide-
11 lines specific to the highway; and

12 (4) siting and design guidelines for road maintenance
13 systems along the highway.

14 * Sec. 2. AS 19.22.020(d) is repealed.

15 * Sec. 3. This Act takes effect July 1, 1983.