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HOUSE BILL NO. 577

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to awards for superior accomplish-
7 ments."

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 read:

10 ARTICLE 5. AWARDS FOR SUPERIOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

11 Sec. 39.20.410. AWARDS. (a) There shall be an awards system
12 for superior accomplishments in state government for which each
13 government employee is eligible. The director of management and
14 budget shall adopt regulations to implement this section.

15 (b) The head of an agency may pay a cash award to or incur
16 necessary expenses for the honorary recognition of an employee who

17 (1) contributes to the efficiency, economy, or other im-
18 provement of the operations of the state by a suggestion, invention,
19 superior accomplishment, or other personal effort; or

20 (2) performs a special act or service in the public inter-
21 est in connection with or related to the employment of the employee.

22 (c) The governor may pay a cash award to or incur necessary
23 expenses for the honorary recognition of an employee who

24 (1) contributes to the efficiency, economy, or other im-
25 provement of the operations of the state by a suggestion, invention,
26 superior accomplishment, or other personal effort; or

27 (2) performs a special act or service in the public inter-
28 est in connection with or related to the employment of the employee.

29 (d) An award under (c) of this section may be in addition to an

1 award under (b) of this section.

2 (e) Except as provided in (f) of this section, a cash award to
3 an employee of the state under (b) or (c) of this section may not
4 exceed \$10,000.

5 (f) When the head of an agency certifies to the director of
6 management and budget that a suggestion, invention, superior accom-
7 plishment, or other meritorious effort for which the award is proposed
8 is highly exceptional and unusually outstanding, a cash award in
9 excess of \$10,000 and not in excess of \$25,000 may be granted under
10 (b) of this section with the approval of the director of management
11 and budget.

12 (g) A cash award under this section is in addition to the regu-
13 lar compensation of the employee. Acceptance of a cash award under
14 this section constitutes an agreement that the use by the state of an
15 idea, method, or device for which the award is made does not form the
16 basis of a further claim of any nature against the state by the em-
17 ployee or the heirs or assigns of the employee.

18 (h) An agency may grant an award under this section notwith-
19 standing the death or termination of the employment of the employee if
20 the suggestion, invention, superior accomplishment, other personal
21 effort, or the special act or service in the public interest for which
22 the award is proposed was made or performed while the employee was an
23 employee of the state.