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SENATE BILL NO. 500

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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 the reduction of litter and the
7 recovery of materials and energy from litter; and
8 providing for an effective date."

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

10 * Section 1. AS 46.06.010(9) is amended to read:

11 (9) develop methods for the measurement of litter in the
12 state and encourage competition between municipalities to reduce
13 littering [ESTABLISH WHICH MUNICIPALITY HAS THE LEAST LITTER].

14 * Sec. 2. AS 46.06.050(a) is amended to read:

15 (a) The department shall designate one or more types and sizes
16 of litter receptacles for use in the state. The department shall
17 designate and make available for distribution throughout the state an
18 anti-litter symbol of uniform color and design adopted by the depart-
19 ment. This anti-litter symbol must bear a statement of penalties for
20 littering and must be designed [THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DESIGN THE ANTI-
21 LITTER SYMBOL] so that it may be attached to litter receptacles. To
22 aid public recognition and use of litter receptacles, the department
23 may adopt an anti-litter symbol used in another state. The anti-
24 litter symbol designated [DESIGNED] by the department must be attached
25 to litter receptacles located in the public places of the state by the
26 person or agency responsible for the placement of those receptacles.

27 * Sec. 3. AS 46.06.060 is amended to read:

28 Sec. 46.06.060. LITTER BAGS. The department shall design and
29 have produced a [BIODEGRADABLE] litter bag bearing the state anti-

1 litter symbol and a statement of the penalties for littering in the
2 state. The department shall make litter bags available to the divi-
3 sion of motor vehicles in the Department of Public Safety for this
4 purpose. To the greatest extent practicable, the division of motor
5 vehicles shall distribute one litter bag to each person who applies
6 for registration or reregistration of his motor vehicle and shall
7 notify the person of his responsibilities under the law. The depart-
8 ment shall make litter bags available to all vehicle and vessel opera-
9 tors [OWNERS AND PERSONS] entering the state [BY AUTOMOBILE]. The
10 commissioner shall designate distribution points for the broadest
11 possible distribution of litter bags to persons entering the state by
12 vehicle [AUTOMOBILE] or vessel.

13 * Sec. 4. AS 46.06.070(a) is amended to read:

14 (a) The department may [SHALL] establish a youth litter patrol
15 program for the employment of young people on a seasonal basis. The
16 department shall cooperate with federal, state or municipal programs
17 that either employ young people or encourage their employment. The
18 department may contract with other state agencies to provide adminis-
19 tration and other support for the youth litter patrol established by
20 this section.

21 * Sec. 5. AS 46.06.090 is amended to read:

22 Sec. 46.06.090. PROHIBITED BEVERAGE CONTAINERS; PACKAGING RE-
23 QUIREMENTS. (a) Beginning October 1, 1981, a person may not sell or
24 offer to sell a nonglass beverage container which is designed and
25 constructed so that the container is opened by detaching a metal ring
26 or tab. This section does not apply to a beverage container which is
27 opened by a detachable piece of tape, foil, or other soft material.

28 (b) Beginning July 1, 1984 [OCTOBER 1, 1981], a person may not
29 sell or offer to sell beverage containers which are held together by

1 plastic [RINGS OR SIMILAR PLASTIC] devices which are not degradable.

2 (c) Beginning July 1, 1984, all degradable plastic beverage
3 packaging sold or offered for sale in the state must bear a distin-
4 guishing mark approved by the department to distinguish approved
5 degradable packaging material from nondegradable packaging material.

6 (d) Beginning July 1, 1984, a person may not import beverage
7 containers into the state for wholesale distribution unless the person
8 has provided to the department test data which shows that the plastic
9 beverage packaging material used meets or exceeds the department's
10 standards of degradability.

11 (e) A person who violates this section is guilty of a violation.
12 Each sale or offer to sell is a separate offense.

13 * Sec. 6. AS 46.06.150(4) is amended to read:

14 (4) "litter" means all waste material including disposable
15 packages or containers disposed of in a manner prohibited by AS 46.-
16 06.080, but [MATERIALS SUSCEPTIBLE TO BEING DROPPED, DEPOSITED, DIS-
17 CARDED OR OTHERWISE DISPOSED OF UPON PROPERTY IN THE STATE OR IN
18 WATERS UNDER STATE JURISDICTION; "LITTER"] does not include the wastes
19 [WASTE] of the primary processes of mining [OR OTHER EXTRACTION PRO-
20 CESS], logging, sawmilling, farming or manufacturing;

21 * Sec. 7. AS 46.06.150(6) is amended to read:

22 (6) "public place" means public or private property that is
23 used or held out for use by the public, whether owned or operated by
24 public or private interests, including but not limited to highways or
25 other roads upon which vehicles are moved, parks, campgrounds, trailer
26 parks, drive-in and fast food restaurants, gasoline service stations,
27 parking lots for taverns, shopping centers and grocery stores and
28 other parking lots which have a capacity for more than 50 vehicles,
29 marinas, boat launching areas, boat moorage and fueling stations,

1 public and private piers, beaches, bathing areas, school grounds,
2 sporting event sites with seating capacity for more than 200 specta-
3 tors, and business district sidewalks;

4 * Sec. 8. AS 46.06.150 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

5 (9) "degradable" means a characteristic of a material that
6 allows the material to be broken down by biological, chemical, photo-
7 chemical, or other physical processes within two years to a particle
8 size and chemical composition that may be assimilated harmlessly and
9 aesthetically into the environment without producing a residue or
10 by-product determined by the department to be hazardous.

11 * Sec. 9. Section 5, ch. 149, SLA 1980 is amended to read:

12 Sec. 5. TERMINATION. This Act terminates July 1, 1987 [1984].

13 * Sec. 10. This Act takes effect July 1, 1984.