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1 IN THE SENATE BY THE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
2 CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 500 (State Affairs)
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 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 is amended to read:

11 Sec. 46.06.010. POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE DEPARTMENT. The de-
12 partment shall

13 (1) serve as the coordinating agency among the various
14 government and private organizations in the state that [WHICH] are
15 involved in litter control and reduction and the recovery of energy or
16 materials from litter;

17 (2) assist local governments in the adoption and amendment
18 of ordinances relating to litter control and reduction;

19 (3) encourage, organize and coordinate voluntary local
20 information campaigns that [WHICH] seek to focus the attention of the
21 public on the reduction of litter and the recovery of materials and
22 energy from litter;

23 (4) encourage, organize and coordinate voluntary or non-
24 profit local programs for the recovery of materials or energy from
25 litter;

26 (5) encourage federal, state and local agencies to aid
27 programs for the recovery of materials and energy from litter by
28 providing publicity that [WHICH] encourages those programs and by
29 allowing the use of publicly owned land, buildings, or equipment for

1 those programs whenever possible;

2 (6) investigate the availability of, apply for, receive,
3 and expend grants, loans or other funds available from any source,
4 and, if it is appropriate and feasible, accept nonmonetary assistance
5 in the form of services or equipment for use in programs established
6 under this chapter;

7 (7) determine the types of materials or energy that [WHICH]
8 may be profitably recovered from litter, and adopt regulations under
9 the Administrative Procedure Act (AS 44.62) that [WHICH] require the
10 recovery of the materials or energy;

11 (8) adopt other regulations under the Administrative Proce-
12 dure Act (AS 44.62) necessary to implement this chapter; and

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

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

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

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

2 Sec. 46.06.060. LITTER BAGS. The department shall design and
3 have produced a [BIODEGRADABLE] litter bag bearing the state anti-
4 litter symbol and a statement of the penalties for littering in the
5 state. The department shall make litter bags available to the divi-
6 sion of motor vehicles in the Department of Public Safety for this
7 purpose. To the greatest extent practicable, the division of motor
8 vehicles shall distribute one litter bag to each person who applies
9 for registration or reregistration of a [HIS] motor vehicle and shall
10 notify the person of the person's [HIS] responsibilities under the
11 law. The department shall make litter bags available to all vehicle
12 and vessel operators [OWNERS AND PERSONS] entering the state [BY
13 AUTOMOBILE]. The commissioner shall designate distribution points for
14 the broadest possible distribution of litter bags to persons entering
15 the state by vehicle [AUTOMOBILE] or vessel.

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

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

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

25 Sec. 46.06.090. PROHIBITED BEVERAGE CONTAINERS; PACKAGING RE-
26 QUIREMENTS. (a) Beginning October 1, 1981, a person may not sell or
27 offer to sell a nonglass beverage container that [WHICH] is designed
28 and constructed so that the container is opened by detaching a metal
29 ring or tab. This section does not apply to a beverage container that

1 [WHICH] is opened by a detachable piece of tape, foil, or other soft
2 material.

3 (b) Beginning July 1, 1984 [OCTOBER 1, 1981], a person may not
4 sell or offer to sell in this state beverage containers that [WHICH]
5 are held together by plastic rings or similar plastic devices unless
6 the rings or devices [WHICH] are [NOT] degradable and bear a distin-
7 guishing mark approved by the department. The department may require
8 test data that shows that the plastic rings or plastic devices meet or
9 exceed the department's standards of degradability.

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

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

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

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

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

1 grounds, sporting event sites with seating capacity for more than 200
2 spectators, and business district sidewalks;

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

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

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

11 Sec. 5. TERMINATION. This Act is repealed [TERMINATES] July 1,
12 1987 [1984].

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