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BY THE RULES COMMITTEE BY
REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

1 IN THE SENATE

2 SENATE BILL NO. 90

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the power of the Department of
7 Commerce and Economic Development to administer ap-
8 propriations for grants; and providing for an effec-
9 tive date."

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

11 * Section 1. AS 44.33.020 is amended to read:

12 Sec. 44.33.020. DUTIES OF DEPARTMENT. The Department of Com-
13 merce and Economic Development shall

14 (1) administer the state programs relating to commerce,
15 enforce the laws relating to these programs, and adopt regulations
16 under these laws;

17 (2) register corporations;

18 (3) collect corporation franchise taxes;

19 (4) enforce state laws regulating public utilities and
20 other public service enterprises, banking and securities, insurance,
21 and other businesses and enterprises touched with a public interest;

22 (5) make veterans' loans;

23 (6) inspect weights and measures;

24 (7) promote and develop civil aviation;

25 (8) furnish the budgeting, clerical, and administrative
26 services for regulatory agencies and professional and occupational
27 licensing boards not otherwise provided for;

28 (9) [Repealed by E. O. No. 39, sec. 13 (1977)].

29 (10) [Repealed by E. O. No. 33 (1968)].

1 (11) before the commencement of each calendar quarter, fur-
2 nish lending institutions, title insurance companies, mortgage com-
3 panies, and clerks of the respective superior courts with the 12th
4 Federal Reserve District discount rate that is to be used during that
5 calendar quarter for computing the maximum rate of interest under
6 AS 45.45.010(b);

7 (12) conduct studies, enter into contracts and agreements,
8 and make surveys relating to the economic development of the state
9 and, when appropriate, assemble, analyze, and disseminate the findings
10 obtained;

11 (13) provide factual information and technical assistance
12 for potential industrial and commercial investors;

13 (14) receive gifts, grants, and other aid that facilitate
14 the powers and duties of the department from agencies and instrumen-
15 talities of the United States or other public or private sources;

16 (15) establish and activate programs to achieve balanced
17 economic development in the state and advise the governor on economic
18 development policy matters;

19 (16) formulate a continuing program for basic economic de-
20 velopment and for the necessary promotion, planning, and research
21 that will advance the economic development of the state;

22 (17) cooperate with private, governmental, and other public
23 institutions and agencies in the execution of economic development
24 programs;

25 (18) review the programs and annual reports of other depart-
26 ments and agencies as they are related to economic development, and
27 prepare an annual report on the economic growth of the state;

28 (19) administer the economic development programs of the
29 state;

1 (20) perform all other duties and powers necessary or proper
2 in relation to economic development and planning for the state;

3 (21) request tourism-related businesses in the state to pro-
4 vide data regarding occupancy levels, traffic flow, and gross re-
5 cepts, and to participate in visitor surveys conducted by the depart-
6 ment; data collected under this paragraph which discloses the particu-
7 lars of an individual business is not a matter of public record and
8 must [SHALL] be kept confidential; however, this restriction does not
9 prevent the department from using the data to formulate tourism eco-
10 nomic impact information including expenditure patterns, tax receipts
11 and fees, employment and income attributable to tourism, and other
12 information considered relevant to the planning, evaluation, and
13 policy direction of tourism in the state; [.]

14 (22) [Repealed by E. O. No. 47, sec. 6 (1980).]

15 (23) administer the program of state assistance for the
16 construction and development of cultural facilities in accordance with
17 AS 44.33.401 -- 44.33.417;

18 (24) provide administrative and budgetary services to the
19 Real Estate Commission (AS 08.88) as requested by the commission;

20 (25) operate motor vehicle weighing stations, issue special
21 written permits authorizing the operation of overweight and oversize
22 vehicles, establish fees for the overweight and oversize vehicle
23 special permits, enforce the size, weight, and load limitations adopt-
24 ed by the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities under
25 AS 19.10.060, and establish regulations relating to pilot car services
26 and the enforcement of the size, weight, and load limitations adopted
27 under AS 19.10.060;

28 (26) administer the Alaska Foreign Offices established by
29 AS 44.33.530;

1 (27) administer, in accordance with regulations adopted by
2 the department for this purpose, grants to community and regional gov-
3 ernments, nonprofit organizations, or for the benefit of unorganized
4 regions in the state.

5 * Sec. 2. This Act takes effect July 1, 1985.