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SENATE BILL NO. 125

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the Alaska Marine Transportation  
7 Advisory Board."

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

9 \* Section 1. AS 19.65 is amended by adding new sections to read:

10 ARTICLE 2. ALASKA MARINE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD.

11 Sec. 19.65.100. DECLARATION OF POLICY. The state ferry system,  
12 operated by the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, is  
13 a moving highway commonly known as the Alaska Marine Highway. It is  
14 the purpose of AS 19.65.100 - 19.65.150 to

15 (1) provide users of the state ferry system and citizens of  
16 the state with a ferry service operated and managed as a public ser-  
17 vice for their benefit under a fair and reasonable tariff schedule;

18 (2) ensure that marine transportation services will be  
19 provided equitably, economically, and efficiently to all users;

20 (3) make certain that the state ferry system is properly  
21 developed and operated, in coordination with other transportation  
22 modes and services;

23 (4) assure the traveling public complete and dependable  
24 marine transportation services; and

25 (5) assure that the state ferry system is operated in the  
26 public interest.

27 Sec. 19.65.110. ALASKA MARINE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD.  
28 The Alaska Marine Transportation Advisory Board is created within the  
29 Department of Transportation and Public Facilities.

1           Sec. 19.65.120. MEMBERSHIP AND VACANCIES. (a) The board con-  
2           sists of five members appointed by the governor. At least three  
3           members must be from communities in the state served by the marine  
4           highway system.

5           (b) Members serve at the pleasure of the governor for five-year  
6           terms.

7           (c) Members must be residents of the state and shall comply with  
8           the requirements of AS 39.50 (conflict of interest).

9           (d) A member holds office for the term of the appointment and  
10          until a successor has been appointed and qualified. A member may be  
11          reappointed.

12          (e) A vacancy in a membership occurring other than by expiration  
13          of term shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment  
14          but only for the unexpired term.

15          (f) Each member, before serving on the board, shall take and  
16          subscribe to an oath to faithfully perform the duties of the office.  
17          A record of the oath shall be filed with the Office of the Governor.

18          Sec. 19.65.130. COMPENSATION. The members of the board serve  
19          without compensation, but are entitled to per diem and travel expenses  
20          authorized by law for state boards and commissions under AS 39.20.180.

21          Sec. 19.65.140. OFFICERS, MEETINGS, AND QUORUM. (a) The mem-  
22          bers shall elect one of their number as chair.

23          (b) The board shall meet at a time and place determined by the  
24          chair, and at other times and places the chair, or a majority of the  
25          board members, considers necessary.

26          (c) The powers of the board are vested in the members and three  
27          members of the board constitute a quorum. The board may take action  
28          by the affirmative vote of at least three members. A vacancy in the  
29          membership of the board does not impair the right of a quorum to

1 exercise all the powers and perform all the duties of the board.

2 Sec. 19.65.150. DUTIES. The board shall

3 (1) advise and make recommendations to the governor and the  
4 legislature regarding the operation of the marine highway system,  
5 including schedules and tariffs, management, and planning and con-  
6 struction of facilities;

7 (2) submit to the governor and the legislature before the  
8 10th day of each regular legislative session a comprehensive report  
9 describing the operations, expenditures, and recommendations made by  
10 the board during the preceding year;

11 (3) adopt rules of procedure; and

12 (4) hold meetings to provide an opportunity for the public  
13 to comment on the operation of the state ferry system, including  
14 proposed tariff increases or scheduling changes.

15 \* Sec. 2. AS 39.50.200(b) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

16 (49) Alaska Marine Transportation Advisory Board (AS 19.65.-  
17 100 - 19.65.150).

18 \* Sec. 3. AS 44.66.010(a) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

19 (15) Alaska Marine Transportation Advisory Board -- June 30,  
20 1991.

21 \* Sec. 4. Initial appointments to the board shall be made under AS 39.-  
22 05.055.