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1 IN THE HOUSE

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HOUSE BILL NO. 384

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to an appropriation limit; and

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providing for an effective date."

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

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* Section 1. AS 37.07.020(a) is amended to read:

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(a) The governor shall prepare and submit to the legislature

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before the fourth legislative day a budget for the succeeding fiscal

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year which must cover all estimated receipts, including all grants,

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loans, and money received from the federal government, and all pro-

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posed expenditures of the state government. The budget submitted by

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the governor shall be organized so that the proposed expenditures for

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each agency are presented separately. The budget must be accompanied

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by a general appropriation bill to authorize the proposed expenditures

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that meets the requirements of AS 37.07.075, and a bill or bills

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covering recommendations in the budget for new or additional revenue.

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The proposed general appropriation bill shall become public informa-

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tion on December 15 of each year at which time the governor shall

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submit copies to the legislature and make copies available to the

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public.

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* Sec. 2. AS 37.07.030 is amended to read:

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Sec. 37.07.030. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE LEGISLATURE. The legis-

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lature shall

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(1) provide for a budget review function;

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(2) analyze the comprehensive operating and capital im-

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provements programs and financial plans recommended by the governor;

1 (3) adopt legislation that meets the requirements of
2 AS 37.07.075 to authorize implementation of the governor's comprehen-
3 sive operating and capital improvements programs and financial plans
4 or appropriate alternatives to those plans;

5 (4) provide for a post-audit function to cover financial
6 transactions, program accomplishment, and compliance with legislative
7 intent;

8 (5) adopt or revise the estimate of receipts required to
9 balance the succeeding fiscal year's budget in order that proposed
10 expenditures do not exceed estimated receipts for that fiscal year;

11 (6) adopt, revise, or initiate revenue measures in order to
12 balance the succeeding fiscal year's budget and the capital improve-
13 ments section of the budget for the succeeding six years.

14 * Sec. 3. AS 37.07 is amended by adding a new section to read:

15 Sec. 37.07.075. APPROPRIATION LIMIT. (a) The amount appropri-
16 ated for each fiscal year beginning with fiscal year 1991 through
17 fiscal year 1995 shall be at least \$150,000,000 less than the amount
18 appropriated for the preceding fiscal year. Appropriations for each
19 succeeding fiscal year may not exceed the amount appropriated for
20 fiscal year 1995.

21 (b) If the governor determines that appropriations for a fiscal
22 year exceed the limit established in (a) of this section, the governor
23 shall order the reduction of appropriations in the amount necessary to
24 meet that limit. Each appropriation item for that fiscal year shall
25 be reduced by the same percentage and that amount may not be expended
26 except as provided in (c) of this section.

27 (c) Upon ordering a reduction of appropriations for a fiscal
28 year, the governor shall notify the presiding officers of both houses
29 of the legislature of the total amount of the reduction ordered and

1 the percentage by which each appropriation item has been reduced. If
2 by February 1 of that fiscal year legislation is not enacted ratifying
3 the reduction of appropriations, the amounts withheld under the reduc-
4 tion order shall be released for expenditure.

5 (d) This section does not apply to appropriations of revenue
6 bond proceeds, appropriations of money received from the federal
7 government, or appropriations necessary for the state to participate
8 in a federal program.

9 * Sec. 4. This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c)