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1 IN THE SENATE BY THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
2 HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 366 (Transportation)
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the Dalton Highway; and providing
7 for an effective date."

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

9 * Section 1. FINDINGS, PURPOSE, AND INTENT. (a) The legislature finds
10 (1) the northern portion of the Dalton Highway possesses unique
11 scenic and recreational resources of high public value;
12 (2) significant wildlife and fishery resources are present along
13 the Dalton Highway and represent important resources to highway users for
14 viewing and to local residents for subsistence;
15 (3) current levels of public law enforcement services along the
16 Dalton Highway are not sufficient to cope with increased use of the highway
17 to ensure the safety of users of the highway, or to protect fish and wild-
18 life resources;
19 (4) future facilities, both private and public, along the high-
20 way should be permitted and constructed only in accordance with land use
21 plans in order to prevent adverse effects on the scenic, recreational, or
22 fish and wildlife values of the highway corridor.

23 (b) It is the purpose of this Act to

24 (1) permit public use of a publicly owned and maintained high-
25 way; and

26 (2) increase and enhance tourism along the Dalton Highway.

27 (c) It is the intent of the legislature that

28 (1) the opening of the Dalton Highway not adversely affect local
29 fish and wildlife resources;

1 (2) rigorous monitoring, enforcement, and regulations be imple-
2 mented to protect fish and wildlife resources along the highway corridor;

3 (3) future developments in the highway corridor be restricted to
4 nodes of development of facilities and services along the highway;

5 (4) if land along the highway corridor is transferred to the
6 state, such land should not be disposed of, or subject to lease, by the
7 state except as provided by a land use plan prepared by the state.

8 * Sec. 2. AS 19.40.110 is amended to read:

9 Sec. 19.40.110. PUBLIC USE OF [A PORTION OF] THE HIGHWAY. The
10 department shall upgrade, maintain, and provide for the upkeep of the
11 [SECTION OF THE] highway to promote the public health, safety, and
12 welfare [BETWEEN THE YUKON RIVER AND DIETRICH CAMP] and shall keep
13 [THAT SECTION OF] the highway open to use by the public [BETWEEN JUNE
14 1 AND SEPTEMBER 1 EACH YEAR].

15 * Sec. 3. AS 19.40.290(2) is amended to read:

16 (2) "highway" means the secondary highway from the Yukon
17 River to a terminus near the Arctic Ocean.

18 * Sec. 4. This Act takes effect July 1, 1990.