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1 IN THE SENATE BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 391 (Resources)

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 a farm use exemption from municipi-  
7 pal taxation for agricultural land; and providing for  
8 an effective date."

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

10 \* Section 1. AS 29.45.060(c) is amended to read:

11 (c) In this section "farm use" means the use of land for profit  
12 for raising, in a greenhouse or otherwise, [AND HARVESTING] crops or  
13 ornamental plants, for the feeding, breeding, and management of live-  
14 stock, for dairying, or another agricultural use, or any combination  
15 of these. To be farm use land, the owner or lessee must be actively  
16 engaged in agriculture on [FARMING] the land, and derive at least 10  
17 percent of yearly gross income from the agricultural activities on the  
18 land. This section does not apply to land for which the owner has  
19 granted, and has outstanding, a lease or option to buy the surface  
20 rights. A property owner wishing to file for farm use classification  
21 having no history of farm-related income may submit a declaration of  
22 intent at the time of filing the application with the assessor setting  
23 out the intended use of the land and the anticipated percentage of  
24 income. An applicant using this procedure shall file with the asses-  
25 sor before February 1 of the following year a notarized statement of  
26 the percentage of gross income attributable to the land. Failure to  
27 make the filing required in this subsection forfeits the exemption.

28 \* Sec. 2. This Act takes effect January 1, 1991.