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MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairman, Alaska Legislative Council

FROM: John W. Abbott, Chairman *John W. Abbott*
Alaska Code Revision Commission

DATE: January 9, 1981

RE: Bill on recording and recorded documents

Pursuant to authority granted in AS 24.20.075(c), the Alaska Code Revision Commission has prepared the attached bill on recording and recorded documents and asks that it be introduced in the legislature.

The bill was transmitted previously near the end of the 1980 session. Although the review process was completed in the Legislative Affairs Agency, the bill was not introduced. Apparently it was not practical to introduce it in the last legislature, since there was not enough time remaining for committee work and passage. It is offered now for submission to the new legislature.

Although many provisions in the bill come from, or are based upon, the Uniform Simplification of Land Transfers Act, that Act has not been adopted in any state and is not suitable for adoption as a whole.

As noted in the attached commentary, the bill gathers together and clarifies provisions on recording that are scattered throughout Alaska Statutes, and lays a suitable framework for future use of technological advances in a centralized recording system.

The state recorder, title companies, banks and bar association representatives have participated in meetings with the commission while the bill was being drafted. Many of the suggestions of these participants have been incorporated in the draft bill.

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Enclosures

cc: Hon. Jay S. Hammond, Governor
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