

CHAPTER 36.

AN ACT

[H. B. 34]

To appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$10,200.00), to aid shipping in the Territory of Alaska, along the coast of Cook's Inlet, from Anchorage to Illiamna Bay, and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska:

Appropriation
for ship
subsidy.

Specifications.

Anchorage to
Illiamna Bay.

Number
of trips.

Season of
navigation
defined.

Governor to
call for bids.

Section 1. That the Governor of the Territory of Alaska is authorized to pay a sum of money, not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00), and not to exceed Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) during any one year, to the owner or charterer of any ship or vessel of American registry, of not less than sixty (60) feet in length, and not less than forty (40) tons, with a passenger capacity of not less than twenty (20) persons, and a loaded draft of not to exceed seven (7) feet, and of a maximum speed of not less than eight (8) miles per hour, who shall operate such ship or vessel in the coastwise trade, as a common carrier of freight and passengers, from Anchorage to Illiamna Bay, along the coast of Cook's Inlet, touching at Kenai, Kasiloff, Ninilchik, Snug Harbor, Homer, Seldovia, Halibut Cove, Illiamna and Tyonek, and make regular stated trips not less than once in each Fifteen (15) days during the season when navigation is open in the aforementioned waters; Provided, that in default of evidence to the contrary, to be produced by the owner or charterer of the ship or vessel described herein, the season during which navigation is open shall be construed to be from May first to November first of each calendar year.

Section 2. That the Governor of the Territory of Alaska, after the passage and approval of this Act, shall call for bids or offers to operate such ship or vessel during the seasons 1927 and 1928 of the size and speed herein required, over the aforementioned

route, which shall define the specifications for passenger accommodations to be afforded by such ship or vessel, and which accommodation shall be reasonable and in proportion to the size of the ship or vessel.

The Treasurer of the Territory shall pay to the person to whom the subsidy shall be awarded the amount of money due him thereunder upon warrants drawn and issued in the same manner as is customary in other cases.

Section 3. The subsidy herein provided shall be paid in such installments as the Governor may think proper, after proof shall have been submitted to him that the conditions of the contract or subsidy have been fulfilled up to the time of payment; Provided, however, that inability to touch at any point along the route or routes herein described not provided with proper docking or harbor facilities, due to stress of weather or ice conditions, shall not prevent the owners or charterers of a ship or vessel subsidized from receiving the moneys herein provided, otherwise earned; nor shall the inability to touch at such places for the reasons herein stated be made a cause for the reducing the amount of the subsidy for any part of the period of open navigation.

Provided, however, that should such subsidized ship or vessel be lost, wrecked, or damaged the Governor shall have authority to disregard the specifications as set forth in Sections one and two hereof and permit the contractor to temporarily carry out the service herein contemplated with such other vessel or ship as may meet with the approval of the Governor provided said vessel or ship shall be of American registry and pass full inspection as provided by laws for vessels or ships of such class.

Section 4. The owner or charterer of the ship or vessel awarded the subsidy shall before entering upon

Rates to be published.

the services herein provided for promulgate and publish a tariff of freight and passenger rates and approved by the Governor, which tariff shall be reasonable and it shall be unlawful for the operator of the vessel to charge either more or less than as provided in such tariff.

Section 5. That the Governor shall be authorized to expend a sum of money not to exceed Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00), for advertising for said bids or offers in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

Appropriation.

Section 6. The sum of Ten Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$10,200.00) is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the Territorial Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Act.

Contractor to make report to Treasurer.

Section 7. It shall be a condition in the awarding of any contract or subsidy under this Act that the contractor shall agree to make a report, the Governor shall have the right to designate the kind of a report and state when vouchers shall be required, under oath, at the end of each year to the Treasurer of Alaska, giving the following information:

(a) Tariff sheet of freight and passenger rates for the route covered;

(b) Total tonnage and total number of passengers carried;

(c) Gross earnings from passenger, freight and mail service rendered, segregating the same according to the three classes here mentioned;

(d) The gross expense and the gross earnings of the route covered.

Section 8. An emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this Act shall take effect and be in full force immediately upon its passage and approval.

Approved May 2, 1927.