

CHAPTER 46.

AN ACT

[H. B. 53]

To authorize the Governor of Alaska to provide for a limited aeroplane service between Seward Peninsula and the Alaska Railroad; prescribing the conditions, making appropriation therefor and giving this Act immediate effect.

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

Establishing
aeroplane
service to
Seward
Peninsula.

Section 1. That the Governor of Alaska is hereby authorized to guarantee a minimum amount of Twelve Hundred Dollars or less, of gross receipts per round trip for a limited aeroplane service between the Alaska Railroad and the Seward Peninsula section through subsidy or contract. Such service to call for not less than three stated round trips from Fairbanks to Nome and Kotzebue and touching at Tanana, Ruby, Nulato, Unalakleet, Golovin and Candle between the fifteenth of April and the first of June each year, provided that such contract or subsidy shall call for aeroplanes of the cabin type and have a total pay load of not less than six hundred pounds with sufficient room to carry two hundred and fifty pounds of mail each way, the bulk of which shall not exceed twenty cubic feet, which mail shall be carried without charge and as provided in the contract. In addition the plane shall have sufficient passenger accommodations for at least two passengers.

Proviso.

Call for bids.

Section 2. The Governor, upon the passage and approval of this Act, shall call for bids or offers to operate such aeroplanes over the aforementioned route. Such bids shall fully set forth the specifications and requirements of said planes. The Governor shall award the subsidy or contract to the lowest bidder offering to render such service in accordance with the specifications and who gives the best assurance of performing the services herein contemplated; however, the Governor shall be the judge of the ability of any

Award to be
made by
Governor.

bidder to perform the services herein contemplated and he may, upon his own discretion make the award to any person or corporation which he believes best prepared and competent to provide or furnish such service.

Section 3. That the Treasurer of the Territory shall pay to the person or corporation to whom the award is made, the amount of money due thereunder upon the requisition of the Governor, and on his certificate that the services have been performed. That the proof of the performance of the services required shall be made by the owner, charterer, or pilot, in duplicate under oath upon forms to be prescribed by the Governor, one of which shall remain in the office of the Governor and the other to be filed with the Territorial Treasurer and shall accompany the requisition for payment.

Payment, how made.

Proof of performance of work.

Section 4. That the said money shall be paid upon the completion of the contract or as may be stipulated in the contract. That if the party or person receiving such subsidies shall fail to make the required number of voyages they shall be paid only the pro-rata share for the voyages made, provided however, that inability due to stress of weather or otherwise to touch at intermediate points along said route, shall not prevent the owner or charterer from receiving such subsidy otherwise earned, nor shall the inability to touch at such places for the reasons hereinabove stated, be made a cause for reducing the amount of the subsidy for any such voyage made.

Payment upon completion of contract.

Proviso.

Section 5. The owner of [or] charterer when awarded such contract shall immediately file with the Governor for approval, a tariff of express and passenger rates, and upon approval by the Governor such tariff shall be immediately published by the carrier and any violation of such tariff shall constitute a forfeiture of the contract herein provided for.

File tariff with Governor.

Violation of tariff cause for cancellation.

Appropriation
to call for bids.

Section 6. The Governor is hereby authorized to expend from this appropriation a sum of money not to exceed One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars for the advertising for such bids and publishing tariffs and such other matters as shall be essential in carrying out the purposes of this Act.

Detailed report.

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 under oath at the completion of the contract to the Governor giving the following information:

(a) Tariff sheet of express and passenger rates for the route covered.

(b) Total pounds of express and mail, and total number of passengers carried.

(c) Gross earnings from passenger, express and mail service rendered, segregating the sums according to the three classes herein mentioned.

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

Appropriation.

Section 8. The sum of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars is hereby appropriated from any moneys in the allotment of funds made by the present Legislature for the construction of roads and trails for the Second and Fourth Judicial Divisions of the Territory, in the proportion of \$3.00 of the said funds of the Second Division for each \$2.00 of said funds of the Fourth Division, not otherwise appropriated; as follows: Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) for the year 1929; Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) for the year 1930; said moneys to be used for the purposes of this Act.

Where taken
from.

Emergency.

Section 9. This Act shall be effective immediately upon its passage and approval.

Approved April 27, 1929.