

CHAPTER 77.

AN ACT

[H. B. 56]

To aid shipping along the shores of Cook Inlet, and the nearby regions in the Third Division, Territory of Alaska, making an appropriation therefor and declaring an emergency.

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

Section 1. That the Governor of the Territory of Alaska is authorized to pay a sum of money not to exceed \$7,500.00, and not to exceed \$3,750.00 during any one year, to the owner or charterer of any ship or vessel of American registry, who shall operate such ship or vessel in the coastwise trade as a common carrier of freight and passengers from Anchorage along the coast of Cook Inlet, touching on each trip at Kenai, Kasiloff, Ninilchik, Homer, Seldovia, Port Chatham and Seward, and returning from Seward via Port Chatham, Iliamna, Snug Harbor, Seldovia, Kasiloff, Kenai and thence to Anchorage and such other points as the Governor may designate in his call for bids, and make regular stated trips not less than once in fifteen days when navigation is open in the above mentioned 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.

Appropriation
for Cook Inlet
ship subsidy.

Anchorage
to Seward.

Number of
trips.

Season of
navigation
defined.

Section 2. That the ship or vessel mentioned in Section 1 of this Act shall be of not less than forty tons gross capacity, not less than sixty feet in length, and shall have such passenger accommodations, draft and speed as the Governor of Alaska may prescribe; that the specifications prescribed by the Governor for such ship shall be reasonable and in proportion to the size thereof and calculated to secure the service con-

Specifications.

Governor to
call for bids.

templated by this Act. That the Governor upon the passage and approval of this Act shall call for bids or offers to operate a ship or vessel over the said route during the season of 1931 and 1932, which call shall define the draft, capacity, speed and passenger accommodations to be afforded by such ship or vessel and the said subsidy shall be awarded to the owner or charterer of the ship or vessel which complies with the requirements of this Act and the specifications prescribed by the Governor, and gives the best assurance of performing the service herein contemplated.

Subsidy,
how paid.

Section 3. The subsidy herein provided shall be paid by the Treasurer of the Territory, 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 owner or charterer 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 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 may permit the contractor to carry out temporarily the service herein contemplated with such other vessel or ship of American registry that may meet with his approval and be otherwise capable of performing the service.

Proviso.

Rates to be
published.

Section 4. The owner or charterer of the ship or vessel awarded the subsidy shall before entering upon the services herein provided for promulgate and publish a tariff of freight and passenger rates to be approved by the Governor, which tariff shall be reasonable and

it shall be unlawful for the operator of the vessel to charge more than provided for 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 bids according to the provisions of this Act.

Authorized expenditure advertising for bids.

Section 6. It shall be a condition in the awarding of the subsidy that the contractor shall agree to make a report under oath, in form and manner designated by the Governor, at the end of each year to the Treasurer of Alaska, giving the following information:

Contractor to make report to Treasurer.

- (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) A statement in detail of all expenses incurred and on what account; the names and addresses of all persons employed, and the gross earnings and gross expense of the route covered.

Section 7. The sum of seven thousand seven hundred dollars (\$7,700.00) is hereby appropriated out of any funds of the Territory of Alaska not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Act.

Appropriation.

Section 8. An emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act shall be effective immediately upon its passage and approval.

Emergency.

Approved April 29, 1931.