

## CHAPTER 3.

## AN ACT

[S. B. 2]

To establish a Department of Public Welfare and to make provisions for the acceptance of the benefits of the Federal Social Security Act by the Territory, and declaring an emergency.

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

Section 1. **Definitions.** As used in this Act:

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(a) "Welfare Department" means the Department of Public Welfare for this Territory, created by this Act;

(b) "Assistance" means money payments to qualified persons;

(c) "Welfare Board" means the Board of Public Welfare for Alaska;

(d) "Director" means the Director of the Department of Public Welfare.

Public Welfare  
Department  
created.

Section 2. **Department of Public Welfare.** There is hereby created a Department of Public Welfare, charged with the duty of supervising the administration of old-age assistance, aid to dependent children and blind persons and such other duties as may be conferred upon it by law. There is erected hereby within the Department of Public Welfare a Territorial Board of Welfare which shall consist of the Governor and four members appointed by the Governor, one from each Judicial Division. The term of office of each member of the Board shall be four years except that of the first members appointed under this Act; two shall be appointed to serve until December 31, 1938 and two until December

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Board of Wel-  
fare, Members,  
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etc.

31, 1940, or until their successors are appointed and qualified. All appointments by the Governor shall be subject to the approval of a majority of all members of the Senate and House of Representatives of the Legislature in joint session assembled, and the names of appointees shall be submitted to the Legislature for consideration within fifteen days after the opening of the biennial session of the Legislature, provided that when an appointment is made at a time when the Legislature is not in session, such appointment shall be submitted to the Legislature for approval within fifteen days after the opening of the first session after such appointment is made and such appointee may discharge the functions of his office until the Legislature either approves or fails to approve such appointment; if any such appointment be disapproved another name shall be submitted within five days after such disapproval. Any appointee whose name has been submitted who has failed of such approval shall not be eligible to hold office as a member of the Board under any appointment thereafter for a period of two years; vacancies in the Board shall be filled by appointment by the Governor.

It shall be the duty of the Governor to appoint for confirmation the first members of the Board immediately upon approval of this Act.

No one shall be appointed as a member of the Board unless he is a citizen of the United States, is a resident of the Territory and of the Division from which he is appointed, and has been such resident of such Division for at least five years immediately preceding his appointment.

Qualifications  
of Members.

Each member of the Board shall receive his actual travelling and subsistence expense while attending a meeting of the Board and in addition thereto the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) per day for each day such

Compensation.

member is actually and necessarily absent from his place of residence due to attendance at Board meetings, but no member shall in any event receive more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) salary in addition to expenses in any one calendar year.

Welfare Director.—Salary, Qualifications, duty, etc.

A. Welfare Director. The Board of Public Welfare shall appoint a Welfare Director who shall be the chief executive of the Board, whose compensation shall be Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00) per annum payable monthly in equal installments. The Director shall be appointed for a term of four years and may be removed at the pleasure of the Board. No person shall be appointed Welfare Director unless he be a citizen of the United States, a resident of this Territory and has been such resident at least five years immediately preceding his appointment. The Director may, with the approval of the Board, appoint such assistants and employees as may be necessary for the efficient performance of the duties prescribed in this Act and shall fix the compensation of such assistants and employees. The Director shall be subject to the supervision and direction of the Board and shall perform such duties as the Board may assign to him.

Duties of Welfare Department.

**Section 3. Duties of Welfare Department.** The Welfare Department is empowered, directed and authorized:

(a) to administer old-age assistance, aid to dependent children and to blind persons, and such other relief to the destitute as may be assigned to it; and to receive and expend all funds made available to the Department by the Federal or Territorial government;

(b) to adopt rules and regulations necessary for the conduct of its business and for carrying out the provisions of all Federal and Territorial laws granting old-age assistance, aid to dependent children, aid to blind persons and other assistance;

(c) to establish minimum standards for personnel employed by the Welfare Department and make necessary rules and regulations to maintain such standards;

(d) to require such bonds and undertakings from persons employed by it as shall in its judgment be necessary and to pay the premiums thereon;

(e) to cooperate with the Federal Government in matters of mutual concern pertaining to old-age assistance, aid to dependent children, blind persons and such other forms of public assistance as may come within the purview of this Act;

(f) to make such reports, in such form and containing such information, as the Federal Government may from time to time require;

(g) to cooperate with the Federal Government, its agencies or instrumentalities in establishing, extending and strengthening services for the protection and care of homeless, dependent and neglected children in danger of becoming delinquent, and to receive and expend all funds made available to the Department by the Federal Government, the Territory or its political subdivisions for such purpose;

(h) to establish such divisions and local offices as may be necessary or deemed expedient to carry out any duty or authority assigned to it and to appoint and employ such assistants and personnel as may be necessary to carry on the work of such divisions and offices, and to fix the compensation of such assistants or employees.

Section 4. **Policy of Territory Declared.** It is hereby declared to be the public policy of the Territory to cooperate and coordinate with the United States Government and its established or created agencies in pro- Policy of  
Territory

viding for and administering the laws of the Federal and Territorial governments, having for their purpose old-age assistance and such other assistance as may be provided for or extended to the people of the Territory, and for that purpose and to that end this law is enacted.

**Title of Act.** Section 5. **Short Title.** This Act may be cited as "The Public Welfare Act of Alaska."

**Emergency.** Section 6. **Emergency.** An emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act shall become effective immediately upon its passage and approval.

Approved April 1, 1937.

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## CHAPTER 4.

### AN ACT

[S. B. 1]

To provide for unemployment compensation; to provide for the establishment of public employment offices; to provide funds therefor; to create a commission to administer the Act; and to define its duties; to provide for its appointment; to provide for cooperation with the United States of America in the administration of the Act; to provide penalties for violation; to provide for an appropriation to carry the Act into effect; and to declare an emergency.

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

**Declaration of Territorial Public Policy with reference to Unemployment Compensation.**

**Declaration of Territorial Public Policy.** As a guide to the interpretation and application of this Act, the public policy of this Territory is declared to be as follows: