

invalid, the remainder of the Act and such application to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

Emergency
clause.

Section 10. An emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act shall take effect immediately upon its passage and approval.

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CHAPTER 67

AN ACT

[H. B. 36]

To require that certain persons hired for work in Alaska shall, upon termination of employment, be transported by the employer to the place of recruitment; and declaring an emergency.

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

Policy.

POLICY: The welfare of the Territory of Alaska demands that adequate provision be made for financing the return transportation of certain persons to their place of recruitment within and without Alaska upon termination of employment.

Return
transportation.

Section 1. Any employer who furnishes, finances, or agrees to furnish or finance, or who in any way provides transportation for any person from the place of hire to any point within the Territory of Alaska for the purpose of employing him therein shall, on or after the termination of employment for any good and sufficient cause in the opinion of the Commissioner of Labor, beyond the control of such person, or on or after the termination of the contract of employment, or any renewal thereof, provide such person upon his request, or the request of the Commissioner of Labor, made within 10 days after

the termination of employment, with return transportation to the place of hire from which transportation was furnished or financed, or to destination agreed upon by the parties with transportation to be furnished or financed, provided, that upon such termination of employment the subsistence of the employee shall continue until at least such time as transportation is commenced.

Section 2. (a) The Commissioner of Labor shall have power and authority to take written assignments of rights of action provided by the foregoing subsection; and shall have power and authority to prosecute such actions. The Commissioner shall have power to join various employees in one claim and in case of suit to join them in one action. The provisions of this Act shall be deemed to be a part of every contract of hire involving transportation of an employee to and from Alaska, or from any part of Alaska to another.

Assignments
to Commissioner
of Labor.

(b) In all actions brought under this Act by the Commissioner of Labor, the general provisions of law respecting wage collection suits brought by the Commissioner of Labor in behalf of employees, shall apply.

Section 3. Any employer who shall violate or fail to comply with any of the provisions of this Act, shall, in addition to civil liability as above set forth, be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,000.00.

Penalty.

Section 4. The Commissioner of Labor shall have authority to issue all orders, rules and regulations necessary to carry out the purpose of this Act.

Authority to enforce by Labor
Commissioner.

Section 5. An emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and approval.

Emergency
clause.

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