

Authority
to destroy
unlicensed
dogs.

Section 3. Any unlicensed dog running at large in violation of this Act shall be impounded for a period of five days. If within that five-day period the owner of said impounded dog does not procure the required license and claim his animal, the dog shall be destroyed. Upon claiming an impounded dog, the owner thereof shall pay to the Territory a fee of Five Dollars (\$5.00), which said fee shall be in addition to the license fee prescribed in Section 1 hereof.

Employment
of dog
catchers.

Section 4. The Commissioner of Taxation is hereby authorized to employ from time to time as emergencies arise special dogcatchers to carry out the provisions of this Act. Such dogcatchers shall be employed at any time the Commissioner of Taxation believes that packs of unlicensed dogs are threatening the peace, persons and property of a community, and said dogcatchers shall continue with their work until the menace is removed.

Approved March 24, 1951.

CHAPTER 115

AN ACT

[S. B. 46]

Providing for the microfilming of the Vital Statistics records of Alaska for their preservation against destruction, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency.

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

Purchase
equipment.

Section 1. The Bureau of Vital Statistics is hereby authorized to take such necessary steps and to purchase

the equipment necessary for the microfilming of the Vital Statistics records of Alaska within the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Vital Statistics. The Bureau of Vital Statistics is hereby directed to employ such necessary personnel and institute a program to microfilm the records referred to in this Act as rapidly as possible within the realm of efficient operation, in order to carry out the purpose of this Act.

Section 2. The intent of this Act is to make duplicate copies on microfilm of all Vital Statistics records in order that these irreplaceable original legal documents may be safely secured in one or more places from possible destruction either by fire, sabotage or the violence of war. It is also the intention of this Act that this work be conducted by the Bureau of Vital Statistics as rapidly as possible in view of the present world situation and in accordance with the recommendations of the National Office of Vital Statistics.

<sup>Intent
of Act.</sup>

It is also intended by this Act that this is to be considered a special priority project and is to be carried out as rapidly and as efficiently as possible over and above the regular routine operations of the Bureau of Vital Statistics. And it is also intended that after the main purposes of this Act have been completed, the microfilm equipment shall be loaned to other Territorial Departments for use in duplicating valuable records.

<sup>Loan of
equipment.</sup>

Section 3. There is hereby appropriated out of monies in the Territorial Treasury not otherwise appropriated the sum of Sixteen Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$16,400.00).

^{Appropriation.}

Section 4. An emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act shall take effect immediately upon its passage and approval.

<sup>Emergency
clause.</sup>

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