

places on the premises a copy of the provisions contained in this Act, and pertinent regulations.

Section 8. Penalty for Non-Compliance. Any person who fails to comply with any of the provisions of this Act other than prescribed in

Section 4, or the regulations promulgated under this Act shall upon conviction be punished by a fine of not more than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) or by imprisonment in the Federal Jail for not longer than thirty days or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Approved March 25, 1955

CHAPTER 101

AN ACT

To create the Alaska Rural Development Board; defining its purposes, organization, powers and duties; and establishing a Rural Development Fund.

(S. B. 115)

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

Section 1. Short Title. This Act may be cited as the "Alaska Rural Development Act of 1955."

Section 2. Purpose. The purpose and intent of this Act is to co-ordinate existing programs of the Territorial Government and to plan, inaugurate and operate additional programs for the purpose of promoting the improvement of the health, welfare, security and economic well-being of Alaskans residing in rural and remote areas of the Territory.

Section 3. Definitions. As used in

this Act, the following terms shall be defined as follows:

(a) "Rural" shall mean any unincorporated place having a population of not more than 500 persons.

(b) "Remote area" shall mean any sub-region, area or locality of the Territory which is not accessible by roads connected with the main highway system of the Territory, the line of the Alaska Railroad, by regular ports of call of the steamship lines operating between Alaska and the continental United States.

Section 4. Creation of the Alaska Rural Development Board. In order

to carry out the purposes and policy of this Act, there is hereby created a board to be known as the Alaska Rural Development Board, hereinafter referred to as the "Board."

Section 5. Membership and Organization of the Board: The Board shall be composed of the Governor as Chairman and six members as follows: Commissioner of Labor, Superintendent of Public Works, Commissioner of Health, Commissioner of Education, Director of Public Welfare, and Director of Civil Defense. The members of the Board shall serve without compensation, in addition to that received for their other official duties, but they shall be reimbursed from the funds of the Board for travel, subsistence and other necessary expenses incurred by them in the performance of the duties vested in the Board.

Section 6. Relations of the Board to Other Agencies of the Territory. The Board shall invite the cooperation and participation of all other Territorial agencies, including the University of Alaska, in the planning and execution of programs for the construction of public works and economic development in rural and remote areas under the terms of this Act.

Section 7. Powers and Duties of the Board. To promote the general purposes of this Act, the Board shall have the following powers and duties:

(1) To define precisely the areas of Alaska which shall be considered rural and remote under the terms of this Act, and to initiate surveys and investigations of the social and economic conditions of these areas to determine the need for expansion of economic opportunities and the improvement of living conditions and community life;

(2) To coordinate the administration of any emergency relief, surplus food distribution, or other public assistance programs other than the regular relief and assistance programs of the Territorial and Federal governments;

(3) To formulate and conduct a program of public work for the construction of basic facilities which will contribute to the improvement of the standards of living, health, welfare and economic security while providing employment, earnings and income in the rural areas;

(4) To formulate a coordinated program to promote a broadening and diversification of the economic base of the rural areas;

(5) To promote programs for the training and education of the residents of these areas directed to expanding their opportunities for employment and improvement of living conditions;

(6) To make application for, to contract with, and accept from the Federal government or other public or private agencies, gifts, grants or other assistance made available for the purposes of this Act. Such

assistance to be used subject to any reasonable limitations imposed upon them;

(7) To acquire real and personal property and to dispose of such property by transfer to other Territorial agencies, or by sale or gift to other public agencies or non-profit associations as may properly serve the purposes of this Act;

(8) To direct the administration of the Rural Development Fund, hereinafter created, in accordance with, and to effectuate the purposes of this Act, and to make allotment or transfer money to other Territorial agencies;

(9) To employ necessary manual, clerical, supervisory or professional personnel on a wage, salary or fee basis;

(10) To hold meetings at such time and place as the chairman may designate, but not less than one meeting shall be held in each calendar quarter of the year. The chairman shall keep a record of all

Board proceedings and other official acts;

(11) To make rules and regulations to carry out the purposes of this Act.

Section 8. Fund Created, Expenses of the Board. There is hereby created a fund, designated as the Rural Development Fund to be administered by the Alaska Rural Development Board. The Territorial Treasurer shall be custodian of the Fund. Payments from the Fund for expenses and other disbursements necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act shall be made upon vouchers approved by the Chairman. Moneys for the Fund shall be included in the General Appropriations Act.

Section 9. Interpretation of Act. It is intended that the provisions of this Act shall be construed as supplemental to all other laws of Alaska not in conflict with this Act.

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CHAPTER 102

AN ACT

Clarifying the license tax on Freezer Ships; amending Chapter 97, Session Laws of Alaska 1949 as amended; declaring an emergency.

(S. B. 120)