

ACLA 1949, for a period of three years, and this shall be in addi-

tion to any other punishment fixed by the court.

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## CHAPTER 108

### AN ACT

**Setting the legal age of entrance for public school kindergartens; amending Section 37-1-11, ACLA 1949.**

(H. B. 164)

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

Section 1. That Section 37-1-11, ACLA 1949, be, and the same hereby is, amended to read as follows:

Sec. 37-1-11. **School Age.** Any child who is six years of age or who will become six years of age on or before the first day of November next following

the beginning of the school year shall be considered a child of school age. A child under school age shall not be received into any department of a public school, except a kindergarten; Provided, that a child shall be five years of age on or before the first day of November next following the beginning of the school year in order to be received in a public school kindergarten.

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## CHAPTER 109

### AN ACT

**To create the Alaska Safety Council**

(H. B. 175)

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

Section 1. **Short Title.** This Act may be referred to as the "Alaska Safety Council Act of 1955".

Section 2. **Intent.** It is hereby found by the Legislature that preventable accidents are the leading cause of death in Alaska, accounting for 1188 deaths or nearly one-fifth of all deaths in the past five-year period; that accidents cause nearly one-fourth of all deaths of the white race in Alaska and as high as 82 per cent of all deaths in certain age groups; that the proportion of accidental deaths to all deaths is three times as high in Alaska as in the United States where intensive accident prevention campaigns are being conducted; that an unknown but proportionately as a great a loss is sustained in Alaska due to non-fatal accidents.

For these reasons it is hereby found and declared to be necessary to create an Alaska Safety Council with the authority and responsibility to undertake a program to reduce the incidence of preventable accidents in Alaska.

Section 3. **Alaska Safety Council Authorized.** The Governor of Alaska is hereby authorized to form the Alaska Safety Council by appointment of such members as he may desire, from among the agencies and departments of Territorial Government, representatives of Federal Departments and agencies in Alaska, that are concerned with

prevention of accidents, and representatives of municipal government and members of the public.

Section 4. The Governor shall serve as Chairman of the Council. He may designate such person or persons in his office as he may desire to serve as staff coordinator for the Council program and he may call upon the departments, agencies and commissions of the Territorial Government to furnish such advice and assistance in carrying out the purposes of this Act as he may find necessary. An Executive Board, of which the Governor shall be chairman, advisory and publicity committees and other divisions and committees as are needed to properly carry out the purpose and intent of this Act, may be created within the Council membership.

Section 5. **Purposes and Powers.** The Council shall study ways and means for prevention of accidents to persons on the streets and highways, in and on the water, in aircraft usage, in homes, on the farms, at schools, industrial and commercial plants, and in public places; shall plan and execute safety programs, including educational campaigns, designed to reduce accidents in every field of activity; shall work in cooperation with official and unofficial organizations and instrumentalities within Alaska which are interested in the promotion of safety to the end that all possible resources shall be marshalled and utilized to reduce the menace of accidental death and in-

jury; shall work toward obtaining better observance and enforcement of laws governing street and highway traffic, and shall assist in bringing about, wherever feasible, the application of further modern engineering measures for the prevention of traffic accidents; shall advise with the public agencies having responsibilities for safeguarding the people against accidents, and especially with the Highway Engineer, the Superintendent of Police, Commissioner of Education, Commissioner of Labor, the official in charge of issuance of vehicle operators' licenses, the Commissioner of Agriculture, the Director of Civil Defense, the Commissioner of Health and the heads or representatives of such federal departments and agencies operating in Alaska as are particularly concerned with safety programs and accident prevention.

**Section 6. Report to Legislature.**

On or before the fifth day of each regular Legislative Session the Governor shall submit to the Legislature a report showing the status of the Council's organization, its activities during the biennium, and the accomplishments in Alaska toward reductions in accidents of all types, recommendations for legislation, together with a plan for the Council's proposed safety program during the ensuing biennium. Copies of the report shall be made available for public information.

**Section 7. Employees.** Persons employed at any time on either full or part time basis shall be under

the direct control of the Governor until such time as an Executive Board may be formed, at which time all employees shall be under the direct control of the Executive Board, except that any personnel of the Governor's staff or office designated to assist in performing Council objectives shall remain under the supervision and control of the Governor.

**Section 8. Cooperation.** Directors of the several agencies of the government of Alaska shall cooperate with the council in carrying forward its program of safety activities, shall make available information needed by the Council relative to the accident problems and methods employed or recommended for accident prevention; and at their discretion said directors may from time to time loan such personnel as may be spared from their regular duties for short periods, to assist in safety programs.

**Section 9. Funds, Control of.** All funds appropriated by the Legislature for support of the safety council shall be under the direct jurisdiction of the Governor until such time as an Executive Board shall be established, from which time they shall be under the control of the Executive Board, and all expenditures of said funds shall be covered by vouchers in the manner required by law or the certifying officer of Alaska.

**Section 10. Contributions, Right to Accept.** Contributions of funds, property, materials, supplies and other forms of aid may be accepted

by the Governor or Executive Board from business firms, organized groups or individuals for furthering the safety program.

Section 11. **Compensation.** Citizen members of the Council shall receive no compensation for their services but transportation may be furnished any member and for time actually spent at meetings called by the Governor or the Executive

Board, per diem at the rates provided by law for members of Boards may be paid to members who are not employees of the Federal or Territorial Government, or municipalities or subdivisions thereof.

Section 12. **Appropriation.** Funds for carrying out the provisions of this Act shall be set forth in the general appropriation bill.

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## CHAPTER 110

### AN ACT

**Amending Chapter 115, Session Laws of Alaska 1949, by adding a new section thereto, making it a misdemeanor to wilfully fail to pay tax, file a return or submit information to the Department of Taxation of the Territory of Alaska; prescribing penalties; and declaring an emergency.**

(H. B. 183)

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

Section 1. Chapter 115, Session Laws of Alaska 1949, is hereby amended by adding a new section, reading as follows:

**Sec. 18. Penalties.**

**A. Failure to File Returns, Submit Information, or Pay Tax.** Any person required under this chapter to pay any estimated tax or

tax, or required by law to make a return or declaration, keep any records, or supply any information, for the purposes of the computation, assessment, or collection of any estimated tax or tax imposed by this chapter, who wilfully fails to pay such estimated tax or tax, make such return or declaration, keep such records, or supply such information, at the time or times required by law,