

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

Section 1. Section 50-5-4 ACLA 1949 is hereby amended by adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

**Sec. 50-5-4. Reckless Driving:
Included Offense of Negligent
Driving.**

(1) Any person who drives any automobile, motorcycle or other motor vehicle upon any public street or highway in this Territory, carelessly, heedlessly or in wilful or wanton disregard of the rights or safety of others or without due caution and circumspection, or at a speed or in any manner so as to endanger or be likely to endanger any person or property, shall be guilty of reckless driving, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not more than One Thousand Dollars, or by imprisonment for a period of not more than one year, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

(2) It shall be unlawful for any

person to operate a motor vehicle in a negligent manner over and along the public highways. To operate in a negligent manner means the operation of a vehicle upon the highways in such a manner as to endanger any persons or property.

The offense of operating a vehicle in a negligent manner shall be considered to be a lesser offense than, but included in, the offense of operating a vehicle in a reckless manner, and any person charged with operating a vehicle in a reckless manner may be convicted of the lesser offense of operating a vehicle in a negligent manner. Any person convicted of violating the provisions of this Section will be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Any person violating these provisions may be subject to a fine of not more than One Hundred Dollars, and in addition thereto, may, in the discretion of the Court, have his operators' license suspended for not more than twenty days.

Approved March 29 1955

CHAPTER 183

AN ACT

**Relating to public lands; to establish a Board of Public Lands; amending
Sec. 9 of Ch. 126, SLA, 1953.**

(H. B. 231)

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

Section 1, Section 9 of Chapter 126, Session Laws of Alaska, 1953, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 9. The Land Commissioner shall be the certifying officer for the Department of Public Lands and as such is hereby authorized to approve vouchers for disbursement of monies appropriated for said Department. He shall be the executive and administrative head of the Department of Public Lands. In addition to supervising all necessary administrative duties and exercising the powers necessary to carrying out the provisions of this Act, including the power to appoint, remove, and fix the compensation of deputies, assistants, employees and agents of said Department, he shall be Secretary of the Board of Public Lands. The Board of Public Lands (hereinafter called the Board) shall be composed of the Land Commissioner, the Commissioner of Agriculture, and the Attorney General. The Board shall be responsible for and is hereby authorized and directed to perform the following duties:

(a) The Board is hereby charged with the administration of, and leasing jurisdiction over, those lands reserved for the support of common schools in the Territory by an Act of Congress approved March 4, 1915 (38 Stat. 1214; 48 U. S. C. 353), as amended.

To this end the Board shall possess all of the powers and perform all of the duties granted or enjoined upon the Governor of Alaska by sections 47-2-78 to 47-2-81, inclusive, ACLA 1949, and all current records relating thereto are hereby transferred to the Board, and maintained in the custody of the Secretary to the Board.

(1) The Board is hereby authorized to execute leases of public lands, whether owned by or reserved to the Territory of Alaska. No lease shall be entered into for a longer term than fifty years, except on a substantial showing, satisfactory to the Board, that a longer term will be clearly in the public interest: Provided, that this limitation shall not apply to any lands administered or controlled by the University of Alaska or its Board of Regents.

(2) The Board is authorized to lease any public lands, properties or interests therein for any purpose except the extraction of valuable minerals: Provided such public lands, properties or interest therein shall not be leased for less than the appraised rental value thereof.

(3) The Board may require the Commissioner to furnish a list of lands, properties or interests therein subject to lease, and prior to negotiations or offer of any lease shall direct the Commissioner to post such

lists for a period of thirty days prior to the date of leasing in some conspicuous place in his office and elsewhere in the vicinity of the lands, properties or other interests therein to be leased, and such other place as the Board may determine and on the day and at the place fixed by the Board the Commissioner shall offer those lands, properties or interests therein, in separate tracts, for lease to the highest bidder.

(4) The person or persons to whom any lease of lands, properties or interests therein is awarded shall pay to the Board or its representatives, in cash or by certified check or accepted draft on any bank in this Territory, the first year's rental in accordance with his bid, and thereafter all rentals shall be paid annually, in advance, to the Commissioner.

(5) The Board may reject any and all bids for leases when the interest of the Territory shall justify it. If the Board awards a lease, the Commissioner shall proceed to issue a lease to the lessee on a form to be prescribed by the Board.

(6) If, after giving 30 days' notice, the rental is not paid on or before the date it becomes due, according to the terms of the lease, the Board shall declare a forfeiture, cancel the lease and eject the lessee from the land, provided, that the Board may extend time for pay-

ment of annual rent when in its judgment the interests of the Territory will not be prejudiced thereby.

(7) If, at the expiration of any lease of any public lands, the lessee desires a renewal lease on the lands, properties, or interests therein covered thereby, he shall within 30 days before the expiration of his lease make application in writing upon a form prepared for that purpose to the Board for a renewal lease, certifying under oath as to the character and value of all improvements existing on the land, property or interest therein, the purpose for which he desires a renewal lease, the amount considered by him to be the reasonable annual rental value of the leased properties and such other information as the Board may require, and shall deposit with such application the sum of \$50.00. Upon the filing of any such application for a renewal lease, the Board may cause the lands, properties and other interests to be inspected and a full report made thereon, and shall fix the rental value thereof and notify the applicant of the rental value so fixed, and if within 30 days after the date of the notice the applicant shall pay to the Commissioner the first year's rental as fixed, less the sum of \$50.00 already deposited, the Board shall issue to the applicant a renewal lease for any period not ex-

ceeding fifty years, commencing from the date following the termination date of the previous lease.

(8) If the applicant fails or refuses to pay to the Commissioner the first year's rental within 30 days after the date of the notice above provided for, the \$50.00 deposited with the application shall be forfeited to the Board, paid into the Territorial Treasury, and credited to the proper fund.

(9) No lease, or any interest therein may be subleased, assigned or transferred in any manner under this Act without the prior written consent of the Board. The Board shall not consent to any assignment or transfer which shall result in any benefit or profit to the lessor, assignor or transferor either directly or indirectly; Provided, however, that the lessor may sell all improvements upon the said lands or beneath the surface thereof at a reasonable price based upon cost of labor and materials expended in the construction thereof.

(b) The Board is hereby authorized and directed to act for and on behalf of the Territory with respect to the disposal of materials by the United States from lands withdrawn in aid of said Territory, such disposal and such materials to be, for purposes of this section, as prescribed by

an Act of Congress approved July 31, 1947 (61 Stat. 681, as amended; 43 USCA 1185-1188). It is the intent and purpose of this subsection to enable said Territory to consent to such disposals and to comply with said Act of Congress by empowering the Board to act thereunder for said Territory.

(c) The Board is hereby directed to ascertain Alaska's lieu or indemnity land entitlement under the reservation created by an Act of Congress approved March 4, 1915 (38 Stat. 1214; 48 U. S. C. 353), as amended, under any other reservation or grant heretofore or hereafter made, and to maintain a continuing record of such lieu land entitlement toward giving early effect to selection of lieu or indemnity lands as further provided for in Section 11 (d) hereof.

(d) The Board of Regents of the University of Alaska may authorize the Board to ascertain selection heretofore made and entitlement yet to be selected under an Act of Congress approved January 21, 1929 (45 Stat. 1091) granting one hundred thousand acres of land to the Territory for the use and benefit of the Agricultural College and School of Mines (now the University of Alaska) and to initiate appropriate arrangements therefor with the Board of Regents by making available to said Board of Regents its facilities, counsel and

personnel, and otherwise as said Board of Regents acting under

the authority of section 37-10-13 ACLA 1949 may request.

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CHAPTER 184

AN ACT

Relating to "Urban Renewal"; amending Ch. 105, SLA, 1951, by adding new sections thereto; authorizing the Alaska Housing Authority to undertake additional activities for the elimination and for the prevention of the development or spread of slums and blight, including functions with respect to rehabilitation and conservation for the restoration and renewal of blighted, deteriorated, or deteriorating areas; providing that all of the rights, powers, privileges, and immunities of public or private bodies or agencies applicable with respect to redevelopment projects shall be applicable with respect to such additional activities; and declaring an emergency.

(H. B. 228)

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

Section 1. Chapter 105, Session Laws of Alaska, 1951, is hereby amended by adding the following sections:

Sec. 24. Urban Renewal Projects. In addition to its authority under any other section of this Act, the "Authority" is hereby authorized to plan and undertake urban renewal projects. As used in this Act, an urban renewal project may include undertakings and activities for the elimination

(and for the prevention of the development or spread) of slums or blighted, deteriorated, or deteriorating areas and may involve any work or undertaking for such purpose constituting a redevelopment project or any rehabilitation or conservation work, or any combination of such undertaking or work. For this purpose, "rehabilitation or conservation work" may include: (1) carrying out plans for a program of voluntary or compulsory repair and rehabilitation of buildings or other improvements; (2) acquisition of