

declared to exist and this Act shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage and approval.

Approved March 29, 1957

CHAPTER 132

AN ACT

To abolish the death penalty as punishment for the commission of any crime; repealing Sections 66-16-43, 66-16-44, ACLA 1949; amending Sections 65-2-1, 65-2-2, 65-4-1, 65-4-2 and 66-16-41, ACLA 1949.

(H. B. 99)

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

Section 1. The death penalty is, and shall hereafter, be abolished as punishment in Alaska for the commission of any crime.

Sec. 2. Sec. 65-2-1, ACLA 1949, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 65-2-1. **"Crime" Defined.** That a crime or public offense is an act or omission forbidden by law, and punishable, upon conviction, by any of the following punishments:

First. Imprisonment;

Second. Fine;

Third. Removal from office;

Fourth. Disqualification to hold and enjoy any office of honor, trust, or profit.

Sec. 3. Sec. 65-2-2, ACLA 1949, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 65-2-2. **Division of Crimes: "Felonies" and "Misdemeanors" Defined.** That crimes are divided into felonies and misdemeanors. A felony is a crime which is or

may be punishable by imprisonment in the penitentiary. Every other crime is a misdemeanor.

Sec. 4. Sec. 65-4-1, ACLA 1949, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 65-4-1. **First Degree Murder.** That whoever, being of sound memory and discretion, purposely, and either of deliberate and premeditated malice or by means of poison, or in perpetrating or in attempting to perpetrate, any rape, arson, robbery, or burglary, kills another, is guilty of murder in the first degree, and shall be sentenced to imprisonment at hard labor for life or for any term of years.

Sec. 5. Sec. 65-4-2, ACLA 1949, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 65-4-2. **Obstructing or Injuring Railroad or Aircraft.** That whoever maliciously places an obstruction upon a railroad or street railroad, or displaces or injures anything appertaining thereto, or does any other act with intent to endanger the passage of any locomotive or car, and thereby occasions the death of

another, or who maliciously causes or attempts to cause damage or injury to, or places obstruction or explosive material on, in or about any aircraft, or who commits any other act with intent to endanger the safety of flight, operation or passage of any aircraft and thereby occasions or implements the death of another, is guilty of murder in the first degree, and shall be sentenced to imprisonment at hard labor for life or for any term of years.

Sec. 6. Sec. 66-16-41, ACLA 1949,

is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 66-16-41. Authority to Execute Judgment. That when a judgment has been pronounced a certified copy of the entry thereof upon the journal must be forthwith furnished by the clerk to the officer whose duty it is to execute the judgment; and no other warrant or authority is necessary to justify or require its execution.

Sec. 7. Secs. 66-16-43 and 66-16-44, ACLA 1949, are hereby repealed.

Approved March 30, 1957

CHAPTER 133

AN ACT

Amending Title 51, Chapter 2, Articles 4 and 5 ACLA 1949 and Chapter 126, SLA 1951 to clearly define the purpose of the various programs of the Alaska Department of Public Welfare; amending Section 51-1-3 ACLA 1949, as amended by Chapter 88, SLA 1951 to enable the Territory to fully participate in the 1956 amendments to the Social Security Act; amending Section 51-2-31 ACLA 1949, as amended by Chapter 57, SLA 1949 and Chapter 106, SLA 1951 by redefining the term 'dependent child.'

(H. B. 117)

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

Section 1. Title 51, Chapter 2, Article 4, ACLA 1949 is hereby amended by adding a new section, designated as 51-2-30 ACLA 1949, to read as follows:

Sec. 51-2-30. Purpose. The purpose of the Act is to encourage the care of dependent children in their own homes or in the homes of relatives by furnishing financial assistance and other services as far as practicable to needy,

dependent children and the parents and relatives with whom they are living to help maintain and strengthen family life, and to help such parent or relative to attain the maximum of self-support and personal independence consistent with the maintenance of continuing parental care and protection.

Sec. 2. Title 51, Chapter 2, Article 5, ACLA 1949 is hereby amended by adding a new section, designated as 51-2-50, ACLA 1949 to read as follows: