

CHAPTER 122

AN ACT

Relating to the Department of Natural Resources; repealing Ch. 180, SLA 1955, as amended by Ch. 152, SLA 1957, and Ch. 107, SLA 1951, as amended by Ch. 127, SLA 1953, as amended by Ch. 82 and Ch. 168, SLA 1955, as amended by Ch. 91, SLA 1957; and providing for an effective date.

(C.S.S.B. 63)

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

Section 1. Findings and Declaration of Purpose. The legislature hereby finds that maximum use and development of the natural resources of Alaska, including the promotion of the tourist industry, can best be furthered by the activities of a public agency charged with the development of all the industries and resources of the state; and that the responsibility of so fostering the development of Alaska resources, natural and industrial, should, as nearly as possible, be vested in a single department of the executive branch of the government.

Sec. 2. The Department of Natural Resources is hereby authorized, in addition to its functions as otherwise provided by law, to perform the following powers and duties:

(1) To formulate a continuing program for basic economic development, and for necessary promotion and research, which will advance the purposes of this Act, and to issue annual public reports on the status of the program;

(2) To review annual reports of other departments and agencies of the executive branch as they may be related to resource development in the state and to prepare an integrated report related to the long range development program, which report shall be submitted to the Governor annually for his use in reporting to the Legislature;

(3) To take necessary and proper action, with the approval of the Governor, to achieve a balanced program for the development of the natural resources of the state as a whole;

(4) To facilitate inter-agency cooperation, coordination, and efficiency, in the execution of development programs and in the conduct of economic research,

statistical services, and the dissemination of information;

(5) To make inquiries, investigations, and surveys concerning the resources of the state and their development possibilities, and to assemble, analyze, evaluate, and disseminate the data and findings obtained;

(6) To call upon the University of Alaska and other appropriate institutions of higher learning or private institutions or persons for cooperation in research and investigations conducted by the Department, and to provide reasonable compensation for such work;

(7) To enter into such contracts, undertakings, memoranda, and cooperative agreements, as may facilitate the administration of the division and promote the policy and purpose of this Act;

(8) To apply for and accept from the federal government, its agencies, or other public or private sources, gifts, grants, or other aids made available for the purposes of this Act, which gifts, grants, or other aids received may be used subject to any reasonable limitations imposed by the grantors;

(9) To make continuing study of federal and state laws and activities which relate to state economic development, and to recommend suitable legislation or other action to the legislature, the Congress of the United States, or the responsible state or federal executive departments or agencies to accomplish the purposes of this Act;

(10) To assist local governmental units in planning and development programs;

(11) To enter into authorized interstate compacts;

(12) To expend funds for the purpose of promoting and publicizing the

state's tourist attractions, including but not limited to display advertising space in magazines and newspapers of Alaska, the United States, or Canada, the printing of pamphlets, booklets, folders and other graphic and pictorial publicity material, designing and production costs in the preparation of such advertising and material; other supplies and materials needed to answer inquiries concerning Alaska and its attractions; designing and production costs of travel show materials and displays; distribution costs of such pamphlets, booklets, folders, other graphic and pictorial publicity, literature, travel show materials and displays; surveys relating to advertising media effectiveness and to tourism, for the purpose of promoting and developing the Alaska tourist industry and advertising and publicizing Alaska's tourist attractions;

(13) To make rules and regulations to carry out the purposes of this Act;

(14) To keep records of all contracts, documents, rules, regulations, orders, and official acts hereunder; and

(15) To do all other acts and things necessary or proper to carry out the purposes of this Act.

Sec. 6. The Commissioner of Natural Resources is hereby authorized with the approval of the Governor, to establish within the Department of Natural Resources such divisions or other administrative or organizational units as he may determine necessary to carry out the functions of this Act.

Sec. 7. **Repeal and Transfer of Property.** Ch. 180, SLA 1955, as amended by Ch. 152, SLA 1957, and Ch. 107, SLA 1951, as amended by Ch. 127, SLA 1953, as amended by Ch. 82, and Ch. 168, SLA 1955, as amended by Ch. 91, SLA 1957, are hereby repealed. All records, equipment, and other property of the Resource Development Board, as it existed under the provisions of law repealed herein, are hereby transferred to the Department of Natural Resources.

Sec. 8. **Effective Date.** This Act shall take effect July 1, 1959.

Approved April 27, 1959

CHAPTER 123

AN ACT

Relating to the duties of the operator of a vehicle involved in an accident; prescribing report requirements; providing penalties; amending Sec. 50-5-5, ACLA 1949; repealing subsection (e) of said section; and providing for an effective date.

(H.B. 152)

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

Section 1. Subsection (e) of Sec. 50-5-5, ACLA 1949 is hereby repealed.

Sec. 2. Subsection (f) of Sec. 50-5-5, ACLA 1949 is hereby amended to read as follows:

(e) **Requirement of Notice and Examination Before Making Repairs: Impounding of Vehicle: Authorized Repairs.** It shall be unlawful for any person to make, or cause to be made, any repairs to any damage or injury to a motor vehicle which could have been caused by collision with any person or property without first notifying

the department of state police, Chief of Police, or in the absence of such officers, the nearest policeman or other peace officer, who shall immediately make an examination of such vehicle and make a full report thereof, which shall also be subscribed by the person in whose custody the vehicle then is, a copy of which shall be mailed or delivered to the department of state police. Provided, however, if no such official be within 10 miles of the place where the vehicle is brought for repair, then no notice or examination shall be required. If there is any ground for suspecting that the vehicle has been involved in a collision with any person, such vehicle shall be impounded at the