

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amended by Ch. 127, SLA 1953, as amended by Ch. 82, and Ch. 168, SLA 1955, as amended by Ch. 91, SLA 1957, are hereby repealed. All records, equipment, and other property of the Resource Development Board, as it existed under the provisions of law repealed herein, are hereby transferred to the Department of Natural Resources.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 Subsection (e) of Sec. 50-5-5, ACLA 1949 is hereby repealed.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

expense of the owner, for which the custodian shall have a lien, and shall be accessible only to officers detailed to the investigation of the case until released. If, however, there is no reason to suspect that the damage to the motor vehicle was caused by collision with any person or property, the repair of such vehicle may be authorized by the officer in charge of the investigation at any time after the expiration of 24 hours thereafter.

Sec. 3. Sec. 50-5-5, ACLA 1949, is hereby amended by adding the following subsections to read as follows:

(f) **Immediate Notice of Accident.**

The driver of a vehicle which is in any manner involved in an accident resulting in bodily injury to or death of any person or total property damage to an apparent extent of two hundred dollars or more shall immediately by the quickest means of communication give notice of such accident to the local police department if such accident occurs within a municipality, otherwise to the department of state police.

(g) **Written Report of Accident.**

The driver of a vehicle which is in any manner involved in an accident resulting in bodily injury to or death of any person or total property damage to an apparent extent of two hundred dollars or more shall, within two days after such accident, forward a written report of such accident to the department of state police and to the local police department if the accident occurs within a municipality.

(h) **Form of Report.** The form of accident report required under subsection (g) can be obtained from any local police department or department of state police.

(i) **Additional Information.**

1. The department of state police may require any driver of a vehicle involved in an accident of which report must be made as provided in this Act to file supplemental reports whenever the original report is insufficient in the opinion of the department.

2. Every law enforcement officer who, in the regular course of duty,

investigates a motor-vehicle accident of which report must be made as required in this Act, either at the time of and at the scene of the accident or thereafter by interviewing the participants or witnesses shall, within twenty four hours after completing such investigation, forward a written report of such accident to the department of state police.

(j) **When Driver Unable to Report.**

1. An accident report is not required under this Act from any person who is physically incapable of making report during the period of such incapacity.

2. Whenever the driver of a vehicle is physically incapable of giving an immediate notice of an accident as required in subsection (f) and there was another occupant in the vehicle at the time of the accident capable of doing so, such occupant shall make or cause to be given the notice not given by the driver.

3. Whenever the driver is physically incapable of making a written report of an accident as required in subsection (g) and such driver is not the owner of the vehicle, then the owner of the vehicle involved in such accident shall within five days after learning of the accident make such report not made by the driver.

(k) **Accident Report Forms.**

1. The department of state police shall prepare and upon request supply to police departments, coroners, local peace officers, garages and other suitable agencies or individuals, forms for accident reports required hereunder, appropriate with respect to the persons required to make such reports and the purposes to be served. The written reports to be made by persons involved in accidents and by investigating officers shall call for sufficiently detailed information to disclose with reference to a traffic accident the cause, conditions then existing, and the persons and vehicles involved.

2. Every accident report required to be made in writing shall be made on the appropriate form approved by the

department and shall contain all of the information required therein unless not available.

(1) **False Reports.** Any persons who give information in reports as required in subsection (f) or (g), knowing or having reason to believe that such information is false shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars, or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both.

(m) **Penalty for Failure to Report.** The department shall suspend the license or permit to drive and any non-resident operating privileges of any person failing to report an accident as herein provided until such report has been filed, and the department

may extend such suspension not to exceed thirty days. Any person failing to make a report as required herein shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not more than two hundred dollars or imprisoned for not more than ninety days, or shall be punished by both such fine and imprisonment.

Sec. 4. No report made in accordance with the requirements of this Act shall be used in evidence in any criminal or civil action arising out of the accident that was the subject of the report.

Sec. 5. This Act shall take effect immediately upon its passage and approval or upon its becoming law without such approval.

Approved April 27, 1959

## CHAPTER 124

### AN ACT

**Relating to highways and highway financing; amending Subsec. (g) of Sec. 48-5-2, ACLA 1949 as added by Ch. 47, SLA 1955 and as amended by Ch. 152, SLA 1957; and amending Subsection (9), Section 3, Article I, Title I, Chapter 152, SLA 1957.**

(S.C.S.H.B. 80)

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

Section 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law relating to highways and highway financing, the Governor shall cause to be established by the Department of Public Works a continuing, long-range program for highway construction and maintenance which shall annually project proposed construction and maintenance of highways for not less than the next succeeding five years. A statement of such program shall be submitted by the governor to the Legislature annually, and the long-range program shall include in detail the program prepared under Sec. 3, Art. IV, Title II, Chap. 152, SLA 1957 for the ensuing fiscal year. The terms "highway" and "maintenance" as used in this Act shall be broadly construed as defined by Sec. 3(9), Art. I, Title I, Ch. 152, SLA 1957, as amended herein.

Sec. 2. Subsec. (g) of Sec. 48-5-2, ACLA 1949 as added by Ch. 47, SLA

1955 and as amended by Ch. 152, SLA 1957 is hereby amended to read as follows:

(g) The monies herein collected from the taxes on all motor fuels, except the fuels named in subsections (e) and (f) of this section, shall be covered into a special fund in the state treasury to be known as the "Highway Fund", and shall be expended by the Department of Public Works directly or as matched with available Federal-aid highway monies for maintenance of highways; construction of highway projects included in the program provided for in Section 3, Article IV, Title II, Chapter 152, SLA 1957, including approaches, appurtenances and related facilities and acquisition of rights-of-way or easements; and other highway costs including surveys, administration, and related matters. It shall be the policy of all departments of the state government authorized to expend funds collected from taxes imposed by this Act,