

ing, but without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Bureau of Reclamation, United States Army Corps of Engineers, Rural Electrification Administration, Alaska Rural Electric Co-operative Association, Alaska Chamber of Commerce, the League of Alaskan Cities, and the Alaska State Federation of Labor.

(11) To hold hearings throughout the state for the purpose of determining public need in the field of power.

In the discharge of the foregoing duties, the section shall cooperate with all federal and state agencies responsible for the conservation, propagation, and development of other natural resources of the state.

**Sec. 4. Study of Laws and Practices; Report to Governor and Legislature.** In addition to all other powers and duties conferred upon the section by this Act, the section shall make a careful study of all laws with the administration of which it is charged and of the practices of state power authorities and similar agencies elsewhere and make a special written report thereon, including recommendations for such further legislative action as it may deem necessary in the public interest. More specifically, such report shall include recommendations with respect to the state's need for a corporate arm with the authority to construct and otherwise acquire, operate, and maintain electric

generation, transmission, and distribution facilities, and to produce and otherwise acquire, transmit, distribute, furnish, and sell electric power and energy and other incidental services, commodities, and facilities, and the ways and means of financing such activities. The study and report shall further include the terms and conditions under which the section or a proposed corporate arm of the state may borrow funds from the Rural Electrification Administration for the purpose of furnishing and assisting others to furnish central station electric service to Alaska communities and other rural areas. Such report shall be delivered to the governor not less than 10 days prior to the opening of the first session of the Second Legislature and to the president of the Senate and speaker of the House of Representatives not less than five days after the opening of such session.

**Sec. 5. Proviso.** Nothing in this Act prevents the governor or the commissioner of commerce from integrating the Section of Power Development into a different organizational pattern, nor authorize duplicating engineering, research or similar activities conducted by other departments of the state.

**Sec. 6. Effective Date.** This Act takes effect on the day after its passage and approval or on the day it becomes law without such approval.

Approved April 16, 1960

## CHAPTER 136

### AN ACT

**Relating to re-payment from the World War II Veteran's Revolving Fund to the General Fund of a loan made in 1949; amending Ch. 70, SLA 1949 as amended by Ch. 5, SLA 1955 and Ch. 97, SLA 1957.**

(H.B. 273)

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

Section 1. Section 1 of Ch. 70, SLA 1949, as amended by Ch. 5, SLA 1955 and as amended by Ch. 97, SLA 1957 is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1. The sum of \$1,200,000.00 is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the Territorial Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of

implementing the Alaska World War II Veterans Revolving Fund to enable the Territorial Veterans Administration to fully carry out the purpose of the Alaska World War II Veterans Act, said sum to be turned over for deposit in said revolving fund on the following basis: \$50,000.00 on May 1, 1949, and an equal amount on the first of each and every month thereafter until the full amount of this appropriation has been

turned over; provided, however, that the amount so covered into said Fund shall be a loan from the General Fund of the Territorial Treasury which shall be paid back to the General Fund as follows: \$100,000.00 during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1970 and ending June 30, 1971, and an equal amount dur-

ing each fiscal year thereafter until the principal amount has been repaid in full; provided, further, however, that interest at the rate of two and one-half per cent per annum shall be paid on the amount of the principal outstanding from April 1, 1957, until the principal and all interest are fully paid.

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## CHAPTER 137

### AN ACT

**Relating to veterans' loans; repealing and re-enacting Subsec. (e), Sec. 44-2-12, ACLA 1949 as amended by Ch. 87, SLA 1949 and Ch. 96, SLA 1953; and providing for an effective date.**

(C.S.H.B. 274)

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

Section 1. Subsec. (e), Sec. 44-2-12, ACLA 1949 as amended by Ch. 87, SLA 1949 and Ch. 96, SLA 1953 is repealed and re-enacted to read as follows:

(e) **Veterans' Loans.** The Commissioner of Commerce shall have the power, under such rules, regulations, and policies as he may adopt, to make loans of the kind and character hereinafter set forth:

(1) **Personal Loans.** Loans may be made for educational, domestic and other personal purposes, not to exceed \$2,500.00. Such loans shall be secured by acceptable collateral when available but if not available the commissioner may make such loans on the basis of good character only. Interest shall be at the rate of five per cent per annum on the unpaid balance of such loans.

(2) **Farm and Home Loans.** Loans may be made to purchase, remodel, repair, build, furnish or equip homes or farms in Alaska, including the clearing and drainage for such farms, not to exceed \$15,000.00. Such loans shall not exceed 90 per cent of the appraised value when the loan is for the purchase or construction of homes unless additional amounts are secured by acceptable collateral as determined by the Commissioner of Commerce in conformity with established minimum requirements. Interest shall be at the

rate of five per cent per annum on the unpaid balance of such loans.

(3) **Business Loans.** Loans may be made to acquire or finance businesses including mining and fishing and/or equipment for the same, but not including farming, not to exceed \$15,000.00. Such loans shall be secured by acceptable collateral and shall not exceed 75 per cent of the appraised value of the collateral offered as security. Interest shall be at the rate of 5 per cent per annum on the unpaid balance of such loans.

(4) **Guaranteed Loans.** The Commissioner of Commerce is hereby authorized to enter into agreement with private banks, other lending institutions and individuals for the purpose of guaranteeing loans made to qualified applicants. Such guarantees shall not exceed 90 per cent of the amount loaned and such loans shall be secured in the same manner provided for direct loans under this Act. Loans made under this subsection and guaranteed by the Commissioner of Commerce and the state shall bear an interest rate not to exceed 6 per cent per annum on all unpaid balances.

(5) **Limitation on Direct Loans.** No loans as set out in (2) and (3) above shall be made unless the Commissioner of Commerce is satisfied that no money is available to the applicant from private lending institutions on a