

CHAPTER 186

AN ACT

Relating to the functions of economic and tourist development; transferring such functions to the Department of Commerce; setting out the responsibilities of the commissioner of commerce; amending Secs. 14 and 16, Ch. 64, SLA 1959; repealing Ch. 122, SLA 1959; and providing for an effective date.

(C.S.H.B. 341)

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

Section 1. The purpose and intent of this Act is to promote the basic economic development of Alaska, including the promotion of the tourist industry of the state.

Sec. 2. The commissioner of commerce is hereby authorized, in addition to his 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, planning and research, which will advance the economic development of the state, and to issue annual public reports on the status of the program;

(2) To take all necessary action, with the approval of the governor, to achieve a balanced program for the economic development of the state as a whole, and in carrying out this duty to call upon all departments and agencies of the state government for assistance and information;

(3) To facilitate inter-departmental cooperation in the execution of development programs and in the conduct of economic research, statistical services, and the dissemination of information;

(4) To review the work and annual reports of other departments and agencies of the executive branch as they may be related to the economic development of the state, and to prepare as a result of such review an integrated annual report on the long range economic development program, which shall be submitted to the governor for incorporation into his report to the legislature;

(5) To make surveys of the economic potential of the state and its various development possibilities, and to

assemble, analyze, evaluate, and disseminate the data and findings obtained;

(6) To cooperate with the University of Alaska and other appropriate public and private institutions in research and investigations;

(7) To enter into such contracts and cooperative agreements as may facilitate the 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 as may facilitate the purpose of this Act, which 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 to the governor;

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

(11) To enter into authorized interstate compacts;

(12) To promote and develop the Alaska tourist industry by publicizing the state's tourist attractions through display advertising in magazines and newspapers of Alaska, the United States and Canada, the printing of pamphlets and other graphic and pictorial publicity;

(13) To further promote and develop the Alaska tourist industry through participation in travel shows, through the design and publication of materials used to answer inquiries concerning Alaska and its attractions, and through surveys of existing tourist facilities and suggestions for their improvement;

(14) To stimulate the interest of the citizens of Alaska in the size and economic importance of the tourist in-

dustry and to encourage in-state travel;

(15) To study the effect of tourist promotion on state-wide industrial development;

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

(17) To do all other acts necessary or proper to carry out the provisions of this Act.

Sec. 3. The commissioner of commerce is hereby authorized, with the approval of the governor, to establish within the Department of Commerce such divisions or other administrative units as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this Act.

Sec. 4. The commissioner of commerce is hereby specifically authorized, with the approval of the governor, to call upon the commissioners of natural resources, public works, labor and fish and game for all needed assistance and cooperation in carrying out the purposes of this Act. In addition the resources of any planning division established in the office of the governor shall be available to the commissioner of commerce for purposes of carrying out the provisions of this act.

Sec. 5. All records, equipment and other property of the division of economic development and tourism as established in the Department of Natural Resources pursuant to Ch. 122, SLA 1959 is hereby transferred to the Department of Commerce, and all appropriations and appropriation balances made to such division for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 1960 and July 1, 1961 are also hereby transferred to the Department of Commerce.

Sec. 6. Sec. 14, Ch. 64, SLA 1959 is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 14. Department of Commerce. There shall be a principal executive officer of the Department of Commerce to be known as the Commissioner of Commerce.

The Department of Commerce is hereby vested with the duties, powers and responsibilities involved in the administration of the state programs relating to commerce and in the enforcement of laws relating thereto, in-

cluding the promulgation of rules and regulations under such laws; the accumulation, analysis, and reporting of commercial and industrial statistics; and the enforcement of state laws regulating public utilities and other public service enterprises, banking and securities, insurance, and other businesses and enterprises touched with a public interest; and the promotion of the economic and tourist development of the state. The Department is also hereby vested with the duties, powers and responsibilities involved in making veterans' loans; the inspection of weights and measures; the promotion and development of civil aviation; and the furnishing of the budgeting, clerical and administrative services for regulatory agencies and professional and occupational licensing boards not otherwise provided for in this Act. The functions and authority heretofore performed and exercised by the Alaska World War II Veterans' Board, the Commissioner of Veterans' Affairs, and the Veterans' Service Council; the Alaska Housing Authority; the Weights and Measures Division of the Department of Territorial Police, the Inspector of Weights and Measures; the Alaska Insurance Commission and the Commissioner of Insurance; the Territorial Banking Board; the Alaska Real Estate Commission; and the Board of Administration with respect to industrial tax incentives are hereby transferred to the Department of Commerce.

There is hereby created within the Department of Commerce an Alaska State Housing Authority consisting of three members appointed for overlapping three-year terms; and the corporate status heretofore vested in the Alaska Housing Authority together with all its rights, duties, powers, functions, assets, liabilities, debts and claims is hereby transferred to the Alaska State Housing Authority.

Sec. 7. Sec. 16, Ch. 64, SLA 1959 is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 16. Department of Natural Resources. There shall be a principal executive officer to be known as the Commissioner of Natural Resources.

The Department of Natural Resources is hereby vested with the duties,

powers, and responsibilities involved in the administration of the entire state program for the conservation and development of the State's natural resources including forests, parks, and recreational areas, lands, waters, agriculture, soil conservation and minerals including petroleum and natural gas; but excluding commercial fisheries, sport fish, game, and fur-bearing animals in their natural state. The functions and authority heretofore performed and exercised by the Department of Lands, the Land Board, and the Director of Lands; by the Department of

Mines, the Commissioner of Mines, the Coal Miners' Examining Board, and the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission; the Soil Conservation Board, by the Department of Agriculture, and by the Commissioner of Agriculture, except those relating to public health, are hereby transferred to the Department of Natural Resources.

Sec. 8. Ch. 122, SLA 1959 is repealed.

Sec. 9. This Act takes effect on the day after its passage and approval or on the day it becomes law without such approval.

Approved April 26, 1960

CHAPTER 187

AN ACT

To regulate the practice of public accounting in the public interest; to create a State Board of Public Accountancy and to prescribe its powers and duties; to provide the penalties for violations of this Act; repealing Secs. 35-2-4, 35-2-5, 35-2-6, 35-2-8, 35-2-9 and 35-2-12 of Ch. 35, ACLA 1949, all of Ch. 95, SLA 1949 (except Sec. 11 thereof), all of Ch. 18, SLA 1951, all of Ch. 161, SLA 1957, and all other Acts or parts of Acts inconsistent herewith; and providing an effective date.

(2nd C.S.H.B. 78)

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

Section 1. **Name.** This Act may be known and cited as the "Public Accountancy Act of 1960".

Sec. 2. **Board of Public Accountancy.**

(1) There is hereby created a Board of Public Accountancy in and for the State of Alaska to be known as the "Alaska State Board of Public Accountants".

(2) The Board shall consist of five members appointed by the Governor. Members of the Board shall be citizens of the United States and a resident of this State for a period of at least one year. At least three members of the Board shall be Certified Public Accountants and two members shall be Public Accountants. All appointees to the Board shall hold certificates or licenses, then in full force and effect, issued under the laws of this State and must be eligible to receive permits under Section 10 of this Act. The members of the Board first to

be appointed shall hold office as follows: one for one year, two for two years, and two for three years from the effective date of this Act, the term of each to be designated by the Governor. Their successors shall be appointed for terms of three years. Vacancies occurring during a term shall be filled by appointment for the unexpired term. Upon the expiration of his term of office a member shall continue to serve until his successor shall have been appointed and shall have qualified, formally noted acceptance of the appointment and presented himself at the next meeting of the Board. The Governor shall remove from the Board any member whose certificate, license or permit has been revoked or suspended and may, after hearing, remove any member of the Board for neglect of duty or other just cause. No person who has served two successive complete terms of one, two or three years shall be eligible for reappointment until after the lapse of one year; provided, however, that the serving of an appointment to fill an unexpired term shall not be considered as the serving of a complete term.