

agreements by negotiation; amending Ch. 82, SLA 1955, as amended by Ch. 186, SLA 1957; and providing for an effective date.

(C.S.H.B. 481)

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

Section 1. Subsec. (1), Sec. 3, Art. IV, Ch. 82, SLA 1955, as amended by Sec. 8, Ch. 186, SLA 1957, is amended to read:

(1) All contracts for construction and repairs, and all purchases of and contracts for supplies, materials, equipment, and contractual services shall be based on competitive bids, and awards shall be made to the lowest responsible bidder after advertising for bids as herein provided; except that the commissioner of public works may directly negotiate renewals or extensions of leases involving concession agreements or concession agreements, whether exclusive or not, for business operations at fixed locations at state-operated airports under regulations adopted pursuant to the Adminis-

trative Procedure Act; and except that bids shall be awarded to an Alaskan bidder when the amount of the bid is not more than five percent higher than the lowest nonresident bidder; and except that competitive bids need not be required for contractual services where no competition exists; or for sales involving fair trade items; or when, in the judgment of the purchasing agent, food, clothing, or medical supplies, or materials for use in laboratory and experimental studies may be purchased otherwise to the best advantage of the state, or where rates are fixed by law or ordinance; or for items traded in on like items; or for professional services.

Sec. 2. This Act takes effect on the day after its passage and approval or on the day it becomes law without such approval.

Became law without signature April 21, 1962

CHAPTER 159

AN ACT

Creating a Department of Economic Development and Planning within the executive branch; and providing for an effective date.

(C.S.H.B. 283)

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

Section 1. **Department of Economic Development and Planning.** a. There is created within the state government a principal department to be known as the Department of Economic Development and Planning. There is a principal executive officer of the department to be known as the commissioner of economic development and planning.

b. The Department of Economic Development and Planning shall encourage and promote the sound use of the natural and human resources of the state so as to assist in establishing a balanced and dynamic economy and an orderly pattern of resource development consistent with the public interest. The department shall

(1) formulate a continuing program for economic development and for promo-

tion, planning, and research which will encourage economic development of the state;

(2) advise and recommend to the governor state policies for the economic development of the state;

(3) conduct research studies on subjects relating to the economic development of the state, enter into research contracts with the University of Alaska and private research organizations, and otherwise cooperate with appropriate public and private institutions in research and investigations for purposes of carrying out the provisions of this Act;

(4) have immediate access to any and all information in the possession of any department or agency of the state which is useful to the department in performing the duties prescribed in this Act;

(5) cooperate with other departments and agencies of the state and furnish them with information upon request;

(6) coordinate its services and activities with those of other state departments and agencies to the fullest extent possible in order to avoid duplication;

(7) provide factual information for prospective industrial and commercial investors;

(8) collect and disseminate information concerning the agricultural, historical, industrial, governmental, recreational, and other economic advantages and attractions of the state which may be useful in the promotion of tourism, commerce, and industry;

(9) review the programs and annual reports of the departments and agencies of the executive branch as they are related to economic development, and prepare an annual report on the economic growth of the state;

(10) coordinate state planning activities;

(11) receive for the state from agencies and instrumentalities of the United States or other public or private sources gifts, grants, or other aids that may facilitate the provisions of this section;

(12) administer the Alaska Industrial Incentive Act of 1957 with the advice of the commissioner of commerce, the commissioner of revenue, the attorney general and secretary of state;

(13) perform such other duties related to economic development and planning as the governor may direct.

Sec. 2. Divisions of the Department. The Department of Economic Development and Planning consists of three divisions: a division of industrial development, a division of planning and research, and an Alaska travel division. Subject to the supervision and control of the commissioner, the divisions have the powers and duties described in Secs. 3, 4, and 5 of this Act.

Sec. 3. Division of Planning and Research. The division of planning and research shall

(1) gather, analyze, and compile basic data on population trends, economic

development, resources, income, employment, and related factors in the state economy;

(2) review the capital improvement plans and requests of all departments and agencies and prepare the related financial analyses;

(3) plan and make programs for state capital improvements including preparation of annual and long-range capital improvement programs;

(4) assist the operating departments and agencies with professional planning aid when requested or as directed by the governor;

(5) provide research assistance to any state or private development bank authorized by the legislature;

(6) maintain a current index of economic activity by major sectors of the economy of the state;

(7) cooperate with the Alaska State Housing Authority in providing general assistance to units of local government in the preparation of comprehensive community plans, the studying of planning and zoning problems, and related matters.

Sec. 4. Division of Industrial Development. The division of industrial development shall

(1) systematically search for investors to develop industrial, commercial, mining, recreational, agricultural, and other economic enterprises;

(2) make opportunities for investment in Alaska known to potential investors;

(3) carry out project feasibility analyses to serve as a basis for attracting industry and investment capital to Alaska;

(4) negotiate with potential investors as to studies and other activities under this Act which might be of use to the potential investors;

(5) provide technical assistance to potential investors and to industries interested in Alaskan investment by drawing on professional, specialized, and technical employees of the department and other agencies;

(6) encourage investment in the hydroelectric and water resources of the

state by both private investors and the federal government;

(7) provide technical assistance to the political subdivisions of the state which wish to attract industrial and commercial investment.

Sec. 5. Alaska Travel Division. The Alaska travel division shall

(1) cooperate with organizations representing private tourist operations in the inventorying of tourist attractions and facilities;

(2) promote and develop the Alaska tourist industry by publicizing state attractions through display advertising, advertising in magazines, newspapers, over radio and television, and through other advertising media, and by publishing pamphlets, brochures, and other graphic and pictorial materials;

(3) participate in travel shows by designing, publishing, and distributing materials used to answer inquiries about Alaska and its travel attractions;

(4) stimulate the interest of the citizens of Alaska in the economic importance of the tourist industry, and encourage in-state travel;

(5) assist potential investors in finding financial support for the development of tourist facilities;

(6) administer any program of the state matching political subdivisions and nonprofit organizations which undertake tourist development programs eligible for state tourist attraction matching funds.

Sec. 6. Transfer and Repeal. The Department of Economic Development and Planning is hereby vested with the duties, powers, and responsibilities formerly exercised and held by the Department of Commerce in respect to the accumulation, analysis, and reporting of commercial and industrial statistics, the promotion of the economic and tourist development of the state, the granting of industrial tax incentives, and the tourist attraction development program. The department is vested with the duties, powers, and responsibilities formerly held and exercised by the division of state planning in the Office of the Governor. All appropriations, records, equipment, and other property of the division of tourism and economic development of the Department of Commerce are transferred to the Department of Economic Development and Planning. All appropriations, records, equipment, and other property of the division of state planning in the Office of the Governor are transferred to the Department of Economic Development and Planning. The tourism advisory board as established by Ch. 12, SLA 1961, is transferred to the Department of Economic Development and Planning. Ch. 64, SLA 1959, as amended, is modified to the extent necessary to bring it into conformity with this Act.

Sec. 7. Applicability of State Organization Act. The provisions of Ch. 64, SLA 1959, are applicable to this Act where not inconsistent with it.

Sec. 8. Effective Date. This Act takes effect on July 1, 1962.

Approved April 23, 1962

CHAPTER 160

AN ACT

Relating to commercial fishing license possession requirements.

(H.B. 343)

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

Section 1. Sec. 9, Art. III, Ch. 94, SLA 1959, as amended by Sec. 23, Ch. 131, SLA 1960, is amended to read:

Sec. 9. License Possession Require-

ments. All commercial fishing licenses issued under the provisions of this Article shall be nontransferable, and it shall be unlawful for any gear which is licensed as herein specified to be operated or caused to be operated by any person other than the licensee. In the