

without having first procured the appropriate licenses or tags as hereinafter provided, and without having such licenses or tags in his actual possession. The commissioner of fish and game shall annually, at the request of the governor, provide him with not to exceed 20 complimentary fishing and hunting licenses which the governor may distribute to distinguished visitors to Alaska at his

discretion for their use in any one ten-day period during their visits to the state. The complimentary license for sport fishing or hunting, or both, shall be inscribed by the governor with the inclusive dates for its authorized use.

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

Approved April 6, 1962

CHAPTER 62

AN ACT

Relating to the construction of the law of the state.

(H.B. 386)

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

Section 1. Applicability of Act. The provisions of this Act shall be observed in the construction of the laws of the state unless such construction would be inconsistent with the manifest intent of the legislature.

Sec. 2. Words and Phrases. Words and phrases shall be construed according to the rules of grammar and according to their common and approved usage. Technical words and phrases and those which have acquired a peculiar and appropriate meaning, whether by legislative definition or otherwise, shall be construed according to such peculiar and appropriate meaning.

Sec. 3. Words of Tense, Number, and Gender. a. Words in the present tense include the past and future tenses, and words in the future tense include the present tense.

b. Words in the singular number include the plural, and words in the plural number include the singular.

c. Words of the masculine gender include the feminine and the neuter and when the sense so indicates, words of the neuter gender may refer to any gender.

Sec. 4. Definitions. In the laws of the state, unless the context otherwise requires:

(1) "action" includes any matter or proceeding in a court, civil or criminal;

(2) "daytime" means the period between sunrise and sunset;

(3) "month" means a calendar month unless otherwise expressed;

(4) "nighttime" means the period between sunset and sunrise;

(5) "oath" includes affirmation or declaration;

(6) "peace officer" means any officer of the state police, members of the police force of any incorporated city or borough, United States marshals and their deputies, and other officers whose duty it is to enforce and preserve the public peace;

(7) "person" includes a corporation, company, partnership, firm, association, organization, business trust, or society, as well as a natural person;

(8) "personal property" includes money, goods, chattels, things in action, and evidences of debt;

(9) "property" includes real and personal property;

(10) "real property" is coextensive with land, tenements, and hereditaments;

(11) "registered mail" includes certified mail;

(12) "signature" or "subscription" includes mark when the person cannot write, with his name written near the mark by a witness who writes his own name near

the person's name; but a signature or subscription by mark can be acknowledged or can serve as a signature or subscription to a sworn statement only when two witnesses so sign their own names thereto;

(13) "state" means the State of Alaska unless applied to the different parts of the United States and in the latter case it includes the District of Columbia and the territories;

(14) "writing" includes printing.

Sec. 5. Time Statutes Take Effect. a. An act or statute which by its terms is to take effect on a specified day, unless otherwise provided in the act or statute, takes

effect at twelve o'clock noon on the day specified.

b. An act or statute which by its terms is to take effect from and after a specified day takes effect at midnight of the day specified.

Sec. 6. Computation of Time. The time in which an act provided by law is required to be done is computed by excluding the first day and including the last, unless the last day is a holiday, and then it is also excluded.

Sec. 7. Retrospective Statutes. No statute is retrospective unless expressly declared therein.

Approved April 6, 1962

CHAPTER 63

AN ACT

Appropriating \$1,078.86 from the general fund to be paid to Helen A. Shenitz for services rendered to the state; and providing for an effective date.

(S.B. 211)

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

Section 1. The sum of \$1,078.86 is appropriated from the general fund to compensate Helen A. Shenitz for services rendered to the State of Alaska while an employee thereof, but for which she has not been

paid.

Sec. 2. The amount appropriated by this Act shall be paid on vouchers certified by the governor.

Sec. 3. This Act takes effect on the day after its passage and approval or on the day it becomes law without such approval.

Approved April 7, 1962

CHAPTER 64

AN ACT

Pertaining to eligibility for unemployment benefits while attending an approved training or retraining course; adding a new section 741.5 to Art. VII of the Alaska Employment Security Act (Ch. 5, ESLA 1955, as amended); and providing for an effective date.

(S.B. 249)

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

Section 1. Art. VII, Ch. 5, ESLA 1955, as amended, is amended by adding a new section to read:

Section 741.5. Benefits While Attending Approved Training Course. Benefits or waiting-week credit for any week shall not be denied an otherwise eligible

individual because he is attending a training or retraining course with the approval of the Employment Security Division or because, while attending the course, he is not available for work or refuses an offer of work.

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

Approved April 7, 1962