

Sec. 2. Department of Economic Development and Planning. The Department of Economic Development and Planning shall

(1) plan and administer all official state activities leading up to and relating to the 1964-1965 New York World's Fair;

(2) solicit, encourage, and foster participation by Alaska business firms, individuals, and organizations in the Alaska exhibit;

(3) have the power to enter into agreements for use or rental of space within the exhibit building on such terms and conditions as the commissioner of economic development and planning may consider reasonable and consistent with sharing the financial burden to the state of the exhibit;

(4) use its facilities and best efforts to obtain the cooperation and support of individuals, organizations, political subdi-

visions, and business firms in the Alaska exhibit so that the public is fully informed as to the nature of the exhibit;

(5) have the power to hire personnel necessary for staffing the exhibit and for carrying out its duties established by this Act, who shall be in the partially exempt service under AS 39.25.120.

Sec. 3. Department of Public Works. The Department of Public Works shall

(1) investigate and be responsible for the design, construction, maintenance, and destruction of the exhibit building and site improvements;

(2) be responsible for the selection of an Alaska architect;

(3) do all things necessary to the accomplishment of the purpose of this Act.

Sec. 4. This Act takes effect on the day after its passage and approval or on the day it becomes law without such approval.

Approved April 13, 1963

CHAPTER 61

AN ACT

Making and transferring appropriations for the installation of sleeperettes on state ferries; and providing for an effective date.

(H.C.S.S.B. 8)

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

Section 1. The sum of \$250,000 is transferred from the fiscal year 1962-63 appropriation to the Department of Public Works, Division of Marine Transportation, Southeastern Ferry System, to be used for the cost of installing additional sleeperette units on the state ferries constructed or authorized to be constructed for the southeastern ferry system.

Sec. 2. The sum of \$50,000 is appropriated from the general fund to the Depart-

ment of Public Works, Division of Marine Transportation, to be used for the cost of installing additional sleeperette units on the state ferries constructed or authorized to be constructed for the southeastern ferry system.

Sec. 3. The transfer and appropriation made by this Act are for capital projects and are subject to the provisions of AS 37.25.020.

Sec. 4. This Act takes effect on the day after its passage and approval or on the day it becomes law without such approval.

Approved April 15, 1963

CHAPTER 62

AN ACT

Increasing the maximum amount of assistance and providing security for assistance

under the aid to the blind program; and providing for an effective date.

(H.B. 85)

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

Section 1. AS 47.25.640 is amended to read:

Sec. 47.25.640. **Amount of Assistance.** The department shall determine the amount of assistance granted for a needy blind person with due regard to the resources and needs of the person and the conditions existing in each case. Assistance shall be sufficient to provide the applicant with reasonable subsistence compatible with decency and health, and according to the standards of assistance established by the department. However, assistance shall not exceed \$110 a month. Direct payments for medical services and remedial care shall not be considered in determining the maximum amount payable.

Sec. 2. AS 47.25 is amended by adding a new section to read:

Sec. 47.25.721. **Security and Lien.**

(a) The department may require as a condition of granting financial assistance that the property of a recipient, except personal property to the amount of \$500, be pledged as a guarantee for the reimbursement of the funds granted, and an instrument executed by the recipient, pledging the property, shall be made to the department and held by it for the state.

(b) The state has a lien against all the property of the recipient, except per-

sonal property to the amount of \$500, and in an amount equal to that expended for his benefit, from and after the filing of a claim of lien in the office of the recorder for the district in which the property is located or possessed, particularly describing the property. Suit to foreclose a lien shall be instituted within six months after the cessation of assistance or as soon afterward as possible.

(c) From and after the lien attaches, the property shall not be sold without the consent of the state, except that consent may be given by the attorney general on behalf of the state agency filing the lien if a prior permanent or superior lien is filed against the property. The lien, if not satisfied by the purchaser, is not lost, nor does the augmentation of the amount of the lien in proportion to expenditures made on behalf of the recipient cease.

(d) Claim of lien shall be filed only in those cases which the department, in its discretion, considers proper. If the United States requires, it shall be reimbursed out of the money realized upon the security on a pro-rata basis in proportion to the amount it expended on behalf of the recipient, and the remaining amount shall be paid to the Department of Revenue for the assistance granted under secs. 620 - 780 of this chapter.

Sec. 3. This Act takes effect on July 1, 1963.

Approved April 15, 1963

CHAPTER 63

AN ACT

Establishing a program for aid to the permanently and totally disabled; and providing for an effective date.

(H.B. 86)

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

Section 1. AS 47.25 is amended by adding Article 6 to read:

Article 6

Aid to the Permanently and Totally Disabled

Sec. 47.25.790 Eligibility for aid to the permanently and totally disabled