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AN ACT

Providing for a disaster relief fund in the Office of the Governor; and providing for an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

* Section 1. AS 44.19 is amended by adding new sections to read:

ARTICLE 3A. DISASTER RELIEF FUND.

Sec. 44.19.171. DISASTER RELIEF FUND. (a) There is in the Office of the Governor a disaster relief fund. The Department of Revenue is custodian of the fund.

(b) Subject to the restrictions of (c) and (d) of this section, the governor may, without additional legislative authorization, expend not more than \$500,000 of the assets of the disaster relief fund for the following purposes:

(1) to implement provisions of law relating to natural disaster relief in the case of a natural disaster as defined in sec. 175 of this chapter occurring after the effective date of this Act;

(2) to alleviate the effects of a natural disaster as defined in sec. 175 of this chapter occurring after the effective date of this Act.

(c) Subject to the restrictions of (d) and (e) of this section, the governor may, without additional legislative authorization, expend for any fiscal year not more than \$250,000 of the assets of the disaster relief fund to prevent or minimize the effects of an event which occurs in any part of the state after the effective date of this Act and which, in the determination of the

governor, poses a direct and imminent threat of resulting in a natural disaster of sufficient magnitude and severity to justify state action.

(d) Expenditures authorized by the legislature to alleviate effects of the natural disaster occurring on August 14, 1967 shall be reimbursed to the general fund from the disaster relief fund before any other expenditures may be made from the disaster relief fund.

(e) The governor shall present to the legislature an annual accounting of money expended from the disaster relief fund.

Sec. 44.19.173. LIMIT ON APPROPRIATIONS. Funds appropriated by the legislature to the disaster relief fund in any one fiscal year shall not exceed the amount of money collected in the preceding fiscal year from the disaster relief taxes levied under AS 43.43. However, money authorized for the fund from other public or private sources shall be accepted and deposited in the fund.

Sec. 44.19.175. DEFINITION. In sec. 171(b)(1) and (2) of this chapter "natural disaster" means a flood, fire, drought, earthquake, tidal wave, typhoon, storm or other natural disaster occurring in any part of the state after the effective date of this Act and declared by the President of the United States to be a major disaster under the provisions of the Federal Disaster Act of 1950, Title 42, United States Code, secs. 1855 - 1855g.

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