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Relating to lost persons.

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

* Section 1. AS 18.60.120 is amended to read:

Sec. 18.60.120. RELIEF AND RESCUE PARTIES. Upon being notified that a person is lost, or absent from his usual place of abode for a period of time or under circumstances giving reasonable apprehension that he is lost, the commissioner of public safety or his designee shall send out a rescue and relief party for the purpose of rescuing and relieving the lost person. The commissioner of public safety or his designee shall appoint a competent person to organize, direct and guide the rescue and relief party.

* Sec. 2. AS 18.60.130 is amended to read:

Sec. 18.60.130. EXPENSES OF RELIEF AND RESCUE PARTIES. The expense of the relief and rescue party shall be paid out of the state treasury upon vouchers properly made out and signed and sworn to by the person appointed to direct the rescue and relief party. The oath to the voucher shall be taken and made before the commissioner of public safety or his designee who appoints the person and may be paid only after it has been approved by the commissioner of public safety or his designee. In approving the voucher, the commissioner of public safety or his designee shall consider the necessity of the relief and rescue party, the reasonableness of the expenses and the proper audit of the voucher. The commissioner of public safety shall adopt rules and regulations for the guidance of his designee governing the authorization of rescue and relief parties and of their expenses.

- * Sec. 3. AS 18.60.140 is amended to read:

Sec. 18.60.140. LIMITATION OF AMOUNT OF EXPENDITURE FOR RESCUE OR RELIEF. A designee of the commissioner of public safety may obligate the state in an amount up to \$1,000 in any one case of rescue and relief. If the commissioner of public safety approves, he shall state the additional amount that may be expended in each case, and his approval shall be attached to the voucher.

- * Sec. 4. AS 18.60.150 is amended to read:

Sec. 18.60.150. REPORT OF MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE OR SEPARATION FROM COMPANIONS. If a person (1) mysteriously disappears in the state, or (2) leaves one locality to go to another in the state and fails within a reasonable time to reach his destination, or (3) traveling in company with another is separated from the other, or (4) traveling alone mysteriously disappears, his traveling companion or any other person having knowledge of the mysterious disappearance or separation shall notify the commissioner of public safety or his designee in the district in which the disappearance or separation took place of the fact, in writing, stating all the circumstances.

- * Sec. 5. AS 18.60.160 is amended to read:

Sec. 18.60.160. VIOLATION A MISDEMEANOR. A person who fails to report a disappearance under sec. 150 of this chapter, or who violates a regulation promulgated under sec. 175 of this chapter, is guilty of a misdemeanor.

- * Sec. 6. AS 18.60.170 is amended to read:

Sec. 18.60.170. REPORT AND INVESTIGATION OF DISAPPEARANCE. The commissioner of public safety or his designee shall file each notification of disappearance in alphabetical order in his office, and shall notify the peace officer in the district where the disappearance occurred or in the nearest district where there is a peace officer to make an investigation regarding the disappearance. If the circumstances give reasonable grounds for suspicion that a murder has been committed or that a person has met with foul play, the peace officer shall report all the facts to the district attorney in his district or the assistant district attorney living nearest the place where he resides. The district attorney or the assistant district attorney shall assist and advise the peace officer in his investigation.

- * Sec. 7. AS 18.60 is amended by adding a new section to read:

Sec. 18.60.175. REGULATIONS. The Department of Public Safety shall promulgate regulations necessary to carry out the duties assigned by secs. 120 - 170 of this chapter, specifically including regulations dealing with the handling of nonexpendable property purchased during a search or rescue mission. These regulations shall be promulgated in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act (AS 44.62).