



1 **“SEC. 64. UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR-AT-LARGE FOR**  
2 **THE ARCTIC REGION.**

3 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is authorized within  
4 the Department of State an Ambassador-at-Large for the  
5 Arctic Region, appointed under subsection (b).

6 “(b) APPOINTMENT.—The Ambassador shall be ap-  
7 pointed by the President, by, and with the advice and con-  
8 sent of the Senate.

9 “(c) DUTIES.—The Ambassador is authorized to rep-  
10 resent the United States in matters and cases relevant to  
11 Arctic affairs and shall be responsible to the Secretary of  
12 State for all matters, programs, and related activities per-  
13 taining to the Arctic region in the conduct of foreign policy  
14 by the Department, including, as appropriate, leading the  
15 coordination of programs carried out by United States  
16 Government agencies abroad, and such other related du-  
17 ties as the Secretary may from time to time designate.

18 “(d) AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY.—The Ambassador-  
19 at-Large for the Arctic Region is authorized to maintain  
20 continuous observation and coordination of all matters in-  
21 dicated by the Secretary of State, including those per-  
22 taining to energy, environment, trade, and infrastructure  
23 development and maintenance, and, in consultation with  
24 the heads of other relevant departments and agencies,  
25 those pertaining to law enforcement and political-military  
26 affairs in the conduct of foreign policy in the Arctic, in-

1 cluding programs carried out by other United States Gov-  
2 ernment agencies when such programs pertain to the fol-  
3 lowing matters, to the extent directed by the Secretary of  
4 State:

5           “(1) National security.

6           “(2) Strengthening cooperation among Arctic  
7 countries.

8           “(3) The promotion of responsible natural re-  
9 source management and economic development.

10           “(4) Protecting the Arctic environment and  
11 conserving its biological resources.

12           “(5) Arctic indigenous peoples, including by in-  
13 volving them in decisions that affect them.

14           “(6) Scientific monitoring and research.

15           “(e) ADDITIONAL DUTIES.—In addition to the duties  
16 and responsibilities specified in subsections (c) and (d),  
17 the Ambassador-at-Large for the Arctic Region shall also  
18 carry out such other relevant duties as the Secretary may  
19 assign.

20           “(f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

21           “(1) ARCTIC REGION.—The term ‘Arctic region’  
22 means—

23           “(A) the geographic region north of the  
24 66.56083 parallel latitude north of the equator;

1                   “(B) all the United States territory north  
2                   and west of the boundary formed by the Porcu-  
3                   pine, Yukon, and Kuskokwim Rivers;

4                   “(C) all contiguous seas, including the Arc-  
5                   tic Ocean and the Beaufort, Bering, and  
6                   Chukchi Seas; and

7                   “(D) the Aleutian Chain.

8                   “(2) ARCTIC COUNTRIES.—The term ‘Arctic  
9                   countries’ means the permanent members of the  
10                  Arctic Council, namely the United States, Canada,  
11                  Denmark, Iceland, Norway, Sweden, Finland, and  
12                  Russia.”.