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

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* Section 1. AS 37.05.146(c) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

(88) fees collected by the Department of Natural Resources, division of geological and geophysical surveys, under AS 41.08.045.

* Sec. 2. AS 41.08.030 is amended to read:

Sec. 41.08.030. Printing and distribution of reports. The state geologist shall print and publish an annual report and [SUCH] other special and topical reports and maps as may be desirable for the benefit of the state, including the printing or reprinting of reports and maps made by other persons or agencies, where authorization to do so is obtained. [REPORTS AND MAPS MAY BE SOLD AND ALL MONEY
RECEIVED FROM THESE SALES SHALL BE PAID INTO THE GENERAL FUND.]

* Sec. 3. AS 41.08 is amended by adding a new section to read:

Sec. 41.08.045. Fees for facilities, equipment, products, and services. (a)
Except as provided in (c) of this section, the division of geological and geophysical surveys may charge and collect a fee for facilities, equipment, products, or services that the division offers, including

(1) rental of space for confidential sample storage;
(2) rental of sample viewing facilities;
(3) retrieval, cutting, splitting, processing, or sampling of geological materials;
(4) use of equipment, including microscopes; and
(5) analyses, maps, reports, data, or products authorized by the division.

(b) The division of geological and geophysical surveys shall establish fees that may be charged and collected under (a) of this section by regulation. Before setting the fees, the division shall consider, at public hearings, the

(1) cost to the state of operating the facility or providing the service or equipment;
(2) normal fees charged for similar facilities, equipment, or services by governmental and nongovernmental entities;
(3) cost of administering a fee collection program for the facility, equipment, or service; and
(4) public interest.

(c) The division shall waive fees under this section for a student who uses facilities, equipment, products, or services for educational purposes.

(d) Fees collected under this section shall be separately accounted for under AS 37.05.142.

* Sec. 4. The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to read:

TRANSITION: REGULATIONS. The Department of Natural Resources may adopt
regulations necessary to implement the changes made by secs. 2 and 3 of this Act. The regulations take effect under AS 44.62 (Administrative Procedure Act), but not before the effective date of secs. 2 and 3 of this Act.

* Sec. 5. Section 4 of this Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).

* Sec. 6. Except as provided in sec. 5 of this Act, this Act takes effect July 1, 2016.