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Fossil collecting is a common practice for many Alaskans for personal enjoyment and education. Currently collection of fossils from state land per AS 41.35.210 is a Class A Misdemeanor, and subject to a maximum civil penalty of \$100,000 for each infraction (AS 41.35.215). This legislation is to allow the collection of common invertebrate and plant fossils for personal use and education on state lands while still protecting vertebrate fossils which are important for scientific purposes.

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