

HB 360 – Interstate Mining Compact & Commission

Sectional Analysis

Passage of HB 360 would elevate Alaska from associate membership to full membership in the Interstate Mining Compact Commission, allowing the Governor to be an active, voting member.

Section 1: Amends AS 27 by adding:

▣ Sec. 27.08.010, which contains and enacts into law the Interstate Mining Compact, which includes the following articles:

- **Article 1:** Findings and Purpose – finds the importance of mining to the state and proposes to support environmentally sound mining,
- **Article 2:** Definitions – defines “mining” and “state”,
- **Article 3:** State Programs – ensures a member state has adequate mining regulations, which Alaska does,
- **Article 4:** Powers – specifies the power of the Commission to study, make recommendations, and gather and disseminate information on mining-related issues,
- **Article 5:** The Commission – creates the Commission,
- **Article 6:** Allows the Commission to establish Advisory, Technical, and Regional Committees,
- **Article 7:** Finance – details how the Commission’s finances are to be handled,
- **Article 8:** Entry Into Force and Withdrawal – describes that states must enact the compact to participate and must repeal the act to withdraw,
- **Article 9:** Effects on Other Laws – maintains that the compact does not limit, repeal, or supersede any state laws,
- **Article 10:** Construction and Severability – Provides that all phrases, clauses, sentences and provisions are severable;

▣ Sec. 27.08.020, which provides for an alternate; and

▣ Sec. 27.08.030, which requires the Interstate Mining Compact Commission to file its bylaws and amendments with the Department of Natural Resources.

Section 2: Provides for an immediate effective date.