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CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 176()

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Offered: Referred:

Sponsor(s): SENATOR WAGONER

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

"An Act exempting quarry rock, sand and gravel, and marketable earth mining operations from the mining license tax; and providing for an effective date."

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

- * Section 1. AS 43.65.010(a) is amended to read:
 - (a) A person prosecuting or attempting to prosecute, or engaging in the business of mining in the state shall obtain a license from the department. All new mining operations are exempt from the tax levied by this chapter for three and one-half years after production begins. [THE TAX EXEMPTION GRANTED TO NEW MINING OPERATIONS DOES NOT EXTEND OR APPLY TO THE MINING OF SAND AND GRAVEL.]
- * **Sec. 2.** AS 43.65.060(2) is amended to read:
 - (2) "mining" means an operation by which valuable metals, ores, minerals, asbestos, gypsum, coal, [MARKETABLE EARTH,] or stone, or any of them are extracted, mined, or taken from the earth; "mining" includes the ordinary treatment

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6 7 processes normally applied by mine owners or operators to obtain the commercially marketable product, but does not include the extraction or production of oil and gas₂ marketable earth, quarry rock, or sand and gravel;

* Sec. 3. The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to read:

RETROACTIVITY. Sections 1 and 2 of this Act are retroactive to January 1, 2012.

* Sec. 4. This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).