

AMENDMENT

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Delete all material and insert:

"TRANSITION: TRANSFER OF CERTAIN PENDING APPLICATIONS FOR RESERVED WATER. At the request of an applicant whose application is pending on the effective date of this Act and who is no longer authorized to reserve water under AS 46.15.145(a), as amended by sec. 40 of this Act, the Department of Natural Resources shall transfer the pending application to an entity identified by the applicant that is authorized to reserve water under AS 46.15.145(a), as amended by sec. 40 of this Act. The entity receiving the application shall notify the Department of Natural Resources within two years after receiving the application as to whether the entity intends to pursue the reservation of water as requested in the application. If, within two years, the Department of Natural Resources does not receive notice that the entity intends to pursue the same or a smaller reservation or if the entity notifies the Department of Natural Resources that the entity will not pursue the reservation in the application, the Department of Natural Resources shall consider the application void and refund the application fee to the original applicant. If the entity receiving the application continues to pursue the reservation of water as requested in the application, the Department of Natural Resources shall consider the application, and, if a certificate of reservation is issued, the certificate will carry the priority date of the original application. The Department of Natural Resources may not bar an entity to which the department transfers an application under this section from pursuing the reservation of water that is described in the application."