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Quitclaim Deed for Native Allotments

SECTIONAL

Section 1. Powers and duties of the director of the Division of Lands by **mandating he or she quitclaim deeds** *"land or an interest in land to the federal government after a determination that the land or the interest in land was wrongfully or erroneously conveyed by the federal government to the state."* Currently that director has permissive authority to do so when land was wrongfully or erroneously conveyed to the state.

Sec. 2. Exempts lands quitclaimed under Section 1 from AS 38.05.125, reservation of subsurface resource rights to the State of Alaska. **This would allow for mineral rights to titled owners of native allotments.**

Sec. 3. Exempts the new provision pertaining to quitclaim deed to the federal government from AS 38.05.125, restriction on sale, lease or other disposals of agricultural land. **This eliminates the limitation on use of such land to agricultural use.**

Sec. 4. AS 38.05.035 makes quitclaim deeds to the federal government when the land was wrongfully or erroneously conveyed to the state a permissive actions. This statute is repealed and the **quitclaim deed becomes mandatory under Section 1.**