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AN ACT

Relating to mining claim assessment work.

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

* Section 1. AS 38.05.210 is amended to read:

Sec. 38.05.210. ANNUAL LABOR. Labor shall be performed or improvements made annually on or for the benefit or development of each mining claim on state land except that where adjacent claims are held in common, the expenditure may be made on any one claim. The commissioner shall establish the date of the commencement of the year during which the labor or improvements are to be performed. Labor shall be performed at the annual rate of \$200 per claim. If more work is performed than is required by this section to be performed in any one year, the excess work up to a value of \$800 may be applied against labor required to be done during the subsequent year or years. Sections 240 and 280 of this chapter apply to this section. During the year in which the performance of annual labor is required or within 90 days after the close of that year, the owner of the mining claim or some other person having knowledge of the facts shall file for record with the recorder of the district in which the claim is located a signed statement setting out the information, as may be required by the commissioner, concerning the annual labor of the preceding year and any labor in excess of that required for the preceding year. The statement, properly filed, is prima facie evidence of the performance of the labor. The failure of any one of several owners to contribute his portion of the expenditures required for annual labor shall be treated in accordance with secs. 215 - 235 of this chapter.

* Sec. 2. AS 38.05.240 is amended to read:

Sec. 38.05.240. LABOR DEFINED FOR SECS. 210 - 235 OF THIS CHAPTER. The term "labor" where used in secs. 210 - 235 of this chapter includes, without being limited to, geological, geochemical, geophysical, and airborne surveys conducted by qualified experts and verified by a detailed report filed in the recording district office in which the claim is located which sets out fully (1) the location of the work performed in relation to the point of discovery and boundaries of the claim, (2) the nature, extent, and cost thereof, and (3) the name, address, and professional background of the person or persons conducting the work. Basic survey finds shall be filed in the central recording office of the Department of Natural Resources, but kept confidential and released only if the claim or prospecting site lapses. The commissioner, by regulation, shall define the nature of acceptable survey work and the qualifications of a person competent to perform this work. The airborne surveys, however, may not be applied as labor for more than two consecutive years or for more than a total of five years on any one mining claim, and each of those surveys shall be nonrepetitive of any previous survey on the same claim.

* Sec. 3. AS 38.05.280 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

(5) "airborne survey" means a survey from the air for mineral deposits by the proper application of magnetometers, electromagnetic input systems, infrared detectors, side-looking radar, vertical and panoramic cameras and other devices as they relate to the search for and discovery of mineral deposits.