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AN ACT

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

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Approved by the Governor: June 8, 1988
Actual Effective Date: June 9, 1988

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* Section 1. AS 44.99 is amended by adding a new section to read:

Sec. 44.99.110. DECLARATION OF STATE MINERAL POLICY. The legislature, acting under art. VIII, sec. 1 of the Constitution of the State of Alaska, in an effort to further the economic development of the state, to maintain a sound economy and stable employment, and to encourage responsible economic development within the state for the benefit of present and future generations through the proper conservation and development of the abundant mineral resources within the state, including metals, industrial minerals, and coal, declares as the mineral policy of the state that

(1) mineral exploration and development be given fair and equitable consideration with other resource uses in the multiple use management of state land;

(2) mineral development be encouraged through reasonable and consistent nonduplicative regulations and administrative stipulations;

(3) mineral development and the entry into the market place of mineral products be considered in developing a statewide transportation infrastructure system;

(4) mineral development be encouraged through appropriate public information and education, scientific research, technical

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1 studies, and University of Alaska program involvement;

2 (5) economic development with respect to the state mineral
3 industry be encouraged with Pacific Rim nations.

4 * Sec. 2. (a) Within 10 months after the effective date of this Act,
5 each department, board, commission, or agency of the state shall review its
6 statutory authority, its administrative regulations, and its procedures
7 applicable to mineral exploration and development to determine whether
8 there are deficiencies or inconsistencies that must be addressed in order
9 to comply with the policy enacted in sec. 1 of this Act.

10 (b) Each department, board, commission, or agency of the state shall
11 forward its comments and recommendations to the commissioner of natural
12 resources. The commissioner of natural resources shall assemble the com-
13 ments and recommendations and forward them unedited to the governor and the
14 legislature within the first 60 days of the First Session of the Sixteenth
15 Alaska State Legislature.

16 (c) If inconsistencies or deficiencies are identified under (a) of
17 this section, a state department, board, commission, or agency should work
18 with mining interests, coastal resource service areas, the public, and
19 other resource users to propose solutions to the inconsistencies or defi-
20 ciencies.

21 * Sec. 3. This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).
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