

SENATE BILL NO. 123

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Referred: Resources

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act establishing May 10 of each year as Alaska Mining Day."**

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

3 *** Section 1.** AS 44.12 is amended by adding a new section to read:

4 **Sec. 44.12.094. Alaska Mining Day.** Alaska Mining Day is established on
5 May 10 of each year to recognize and honor the intrepid individuals and industry that
6 played an enormous role in developing and settling the territory and the state and that
7 continue to contribute to the economy of the state. Mining served as a driving force
8 behind the creation of the Alaska Railroad in the early twentieth century, and
9 continuing development of the mineral resources of the state, including rare earth
10 minerals, contributes to the security and economy of the state and the nation. Alaska
11 Mining Day may be observed by educational and celebratory events, projects, and
12 activities to increase public awareness of and appreciation for mining and miners in
13 Alaska and the many uses for the minerals mined in the state.