

HOUSE BILL NO. 267

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Referred: Resources

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act exempting certain mining activities and processes from certain state water**
2 **regulations."**

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

4 *** Section 1.** AS 46.03 is amended by adding a new section to read:

5 **Sec. 46.03.085. Exemption of mining activities from state water standards.**

6 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a mining activity or process is exempt
7 from any statute or regulation adopted under this chapter that establishes a more
8 stringent water quality requirement or standard than federal law if the mining activity
9 or process

10 (1) does not use chemicals; and

11 (2) uses only water, gravity, and motion to extract and process the
12 desired minerals.