

1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE BILL NO. 41

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA

4 TWENTY-SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act to expedite mineral exploration by  
7 providing prospectors and miners with cer-  
8 tain exploration equipment; making an  
9 appropriation; and establishing an effec-  
10 tive date."

11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA:

12 Section 1. The purpose of this Act is to expedite the  
13 exploration of promising mineral deposits or areas by providing  
14 certain necessary exploration equipment to individuals for a  
15 nominal rental fee.

16 Section 2. Only those tools will be provided which may be  
17 easily transported and will aid the conduct of only the prelim-  
18 inary phase of exploration.

19 Section 3. This Act will be administered by the Territorial  
20 Department of Mines, who will procure and make available the  
21 following equipment at each of their four field stations: two  
22 Packsack diamond drills with replacement parts, tools, and  
23 extras; four Geiger or scintillation counters; four mineralights;  
24 and such other small exploration equipment as the Department of  
25 Mines may deem advisable.

26 Section 4. The equipment will be made available on a  
27 "first-come first-served" basis for limited periods of time to  
28 applicants, provided their request is well justified and the  
29 equipment is put to use as soon as practicable. Each applicant

1 must post a bond equal to the value of equipment rented, and must  
2 return said equipment in a condition equal to that in which it  
3 was received with allowances made for <sup>depreciation</sup> "fair wear and tear".

4 Section 5. The Territorial Department of Mines may refuse  
5 use of any of the above equipment when in the opinion of the  
6 Department of Mines or its Divisional field engineer such use  
7 is unjustified.

8 Section 6. Funds for carrying out the provisions of this  
9 Act shall be contained in the General Appropriation Bill for  
10 the 1955-57 biennium.

11 Section 7. This Act shall take effect and be in force on  
12 and after April 1, 1955.  
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