

1 IN THE SENATE

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SENATE BILL NO. 100

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA

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TWENTY-THIRD SESSION

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A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to Prospector Assistance  
7 by the Department of Mines; providing for  
8 administration thereof by the Commissioner  
9 of Mines."

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

11 Section 1. AUTHORITY. The Commissioner of Mines may:

12 (a) Grant assistance to any prospector who, in the  
13 opinion of the Commissioner, will diligently carry out prospect-  
14 ing operations in accordance with this Act and regulations made  
15 under this Section. The Commissioner may in his discretion  
16 refuse any application for such assistance.

17 (b) The Commissioner of Mines may make such rules and  
18 regulations as he deems necessary for the purpose of administer-  
19 ing this Act. The scope of the proposed program will depend on  
20 the monies appropriated.

21 Sec. 2. ASSISTANCE. Assistance under Section 1 may consist  
22 of furnishing the prospector with the following:

23 (a) Transportation to and from the area selected for  
24 prospecting, the cost of which shall not exceed two hundred dol-  
25 lars per season.

26 (b) Food, clothing, hardware, and tools necessary for  
27 the intended prospecting operation, the value of which may not  
28 exceed one hundred dollars per month or a maximum of three hundred  
29 dollars per season.

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1           (c) Monthly servicing of the prospector by delivering  
2 supplies to him and checking his work and well-being.

3           Sec. 3. DISTRIBUTION. The number of prospectors to whom  
4 assistance may be granted shall be apportioned as near equally  
5 as practicable among residents of the four judicial divisions if  
6 the number of applicants in all divisions exceeds the number that  
7 can be accommodated with available funds. Also, if the number  
8 of applicants is too great, the ones to be assisted shall be  
9 chosen by drawing lots at a specified time and place in advance  
10 of the prospecting season.

11           Sec. 4. GENERAL PROVISIONS. No prospecting operation of  
12 less than one month's duration shall be considered under this  
13 Act. Not more than one prospector in one family or one prospect-  
14 ing party may receive assistance under this Act. Applicants  
15 must be citizens of the United States and bona fide residents  
16 of Alaska. Department of Mines personnel will supervise and  
17 assist the work of prospectors as time and funds permit. The  
18 Commissioner of Mines may at any time discontinue assistance to  
19 a prospector if, in the opinion of the Commissioner, the prospector  
20 is not properly or diligently carrying out the operations in  
21 respect of which the assistance was approved.

22           Sec. 5. APPROPRIATION. Funds for carrying out the provision  
23 of this Act shall be set forth in the General Appropriation Act.  
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