

1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE BILL NO. 215

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the preservation and
7 control of sites and items of historical or
8 scientific interest on state land; and pro-
9 viding for an effective date."

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

11 * Section 1. AS 38 is amended by adding new sections to read:

12 CHAPTER 12. PRESERVATION OF SITES OF HISTORICAL
13 OR SCIENTIFIC INTEREST

14 Sec. 38.12.010. UNLAWFUL ACTS. It is unlawful for a
15 person to appropriate, excavate, remove, injure or destroy
16 any historic or prehistoric ruin, monument, petroglyph, picto-
17 graph, carving marker, artifact or any object of historic or
18 scientific interest on land owned or controlled by the state,
19 including tide and submerged lands, except as otherwise pro-
20 vided for in this chapter.

21 Sec. 38.12.020. STATE PRESERVES. The commissioner of
22 natural resources is authorized to declare by public order
23 that a given historic or scientific site or item described in
24 sec. 10 of this chapter is a state preserve. State preserves
25 shall be confined to the smallest area necessary to the
26 proper care and preservation of the site or item of historic
27 or scientific interest found or located on state-owned or
28 controlled land. The commissioner is authorized to receive or
29 behalf of the state any site or item described in this section

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from any private or governmental source wishing to relinquish it to the state.

Sec. 38.12.030. PERMITS. The commissioner may issue a permit for the examination of ruins, excavation of archeological sites, and the gathering of objects of antiquity or of scientific interest on land owned or controlled by the state. A permit may be issued only to persons or organizations qualified to make such examinations, excavations, or gatherings and only if the results of these authorized activities will be made available to the general public through institutions and museums interested in disseminating knowledge on the subjects involved.

Sec. 38.12.040. REGULATIONS. The commissioner of natural resources shall promulgate regulations to carry out the purposes of this chapter.

Sec. 38.12.050. PENALTY. A person who violates a provision of this chapter is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction is punishable by a fine of \$500 or imprisonment for not more than six months, or both.

* Sec. 2. This Act takes effect on the day after its passage and approval or on the day it becomes law without such approval.