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1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE RULES COMMITTEE BY  
REQUEST OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 383

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the conversion of a coal  
7 prospecting permit into a coal lease; and  
8 providing for an effective date."

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

10 \* Section 1. AS 38.05.150(c) is amended to read:

11 (c) Where prospecting or exploration work is necessary  
12 to determine the existence or workability of coal deposits in  
13 an unclaimed and undeveloped area, the commissioner may issue  
14 to qualified applicants prospecting permits for a term of two  
15 years, not exceeding 2,560 acres. If within the period of  
16 two years the permittee shows to the commissioner that the  
17 land contains coal in commercial quantities and submits a  
18 satisfactory mining plan for the coal's recovery, the per-  
19 mittee shall be entitled to a lease for all or part of the  
20 land in his permit. A coal prospecting permit may be extend-  
21 ed by the commissioner for a period of two years, if he finds  
22 that the permittee has been unable, with the exercise of  
23 reasonable diligence, to determine the existence or worka-  
24 bility of coal deposits in the area covered by the permit and  
25 desires to prosecute further prospecting or exploration, or  
26 for other reasons in the opinion of the commissioner warrant-  
27 ing extension.

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