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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 37

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act providing for a bonus for those who discover  
7 and produce certain mineral ores."

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

9 \* Section 1. AS 27 is amended by adding a new chapter to read:

10 CHAPTER 22. BONUS FOR DISCOVERY AND PRODUCTION

11 Sec. 27.22.010. DISCOVERY AND PRODUCTION BONUS. (a) To stimu-  
12 late prospecting for, discovery of, and production from new domestic  
13 mineral-bearing deposits, and in the interest of the general industrial  
14 development of the state, the commissioner of the Department of Natural  
15 Resources shall, upon sufficient proof, pay a bonus of \$10,000 to a  
16 person or persons, partnership, company, or corporation that discovers  
17 and produces ore in Alaska under the terms of this chapter.

18 (b) The commissioner shall pay the bonus for the discovery and  
19 production from new domestic mineral-bearing deposits containing one  
20 or any combination of those minerals presently eligible for assistance  
21 under the Federal Office of Mineral Exploration program. The produc-  
22 tion must be from a mining location of a lode or placer deposit which  
23 has not previously been discovered or worked.

24 Sec. 27.22.020. AMOUNT OF PRODUCTION. The bonus will be paid,  
25 not for discovery alone, but only in connection with the delivery and  
26 sale to a bona fide purchaser of the first unit shipment of ore or  
27 concentrate with a gross market value of \$100,000 or more substan-  
28 tiated by affidavit showing completion of sale and receipt of money,  
29 gross or net, in hand of the claimant.

1           **Sec. 27.22.030. WHO MAY CLAIM.** A person of legal age and a  
2 citizen of the United States or a partnership, company or corporation  
3 of such citizens legally authorized to operate in the state may claim  
4 the bonus offered in this chapter.

5           **Sec. 27.22.040. NATURE OF BONUS.** (a) A bonus will be paid only  
6 once for production of ores or concentrates from a single lode or  
7 placer deposit. The commissioner or his duly authorized representa-  
8 tive shall determine whether production from a given location, claim  
9 or group of claims is the first production from the deposit for the  
10 purpose of this chapter or whether the deposit has previously been  
11 discovered or worked for any of the minerals presently eligible for  
12 assistance under the Federal Office of Mineral Exploration program,  
13 or any other metals or minerals, including gravel, not so listed, or  
14 whether production is such as to which a bonus has already been paid,  
15 or whether for any reason a bonus is not payable. In making the de-  
16 termination the commissioner shall be guided by the federal or state  
17 mining laws either of which is applicable or both. The subdivision of  
18 a deposit into units to increase bonus payments will not be recognized  
19 in determining eligibility for bonus payments.

20           (b) The fact that a bonus has already been received will not  
21 prevent the payment of another bonus to the same person, partnership,  
22 company, or corporation with respect to production from a different  
23 deposit.

24           **Sec. 27.22.050. NOTICE OF DISCOVERY AND PRODUCTION; ACTION OF**  
25 **THE COMMISSIONER.** (a) Notice of the discovery of a mineral deposit  
26 and production from it believed to meet the requirements of this  
27 chapter shall be forwarded to the commissioner by registered letter  
28 together with

29           (1) a brief description of the size, location, and date of

1 discovery of the deposit including the number, size and location of  
2 mining claims and the name or names of the locators;

3 (2) the calendar dates during which the ore was mined and  
4 concentrate prepared;

5 (3) an affidavit and supporting documents showing completion  
6 of sale and receipt of at least \$100,000, gross or net, in hand of the  
7 claimant.

8 (b) Upon receipt of the notice, the commissioner shall make or  
9 cause to be made the field investigations, including examination of  
10 the claimant's records and other pertinent data to assure compliance  
11 with the expressed intent and purpose of this chapter. If the  
12 claimant has fulfilled the necessary requirements as determined by the  
13 commissioner, the commissioner shall so certify and pay the bonus.

14 Sec. 27.22.060. DEFINITIONS. For the purposes of this chapter,

15 (1) "commissioner" means the commissioner of the Department  
16 of Natural Resources;

17 (2) "domestic" means within the confines of the state.  
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