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HOUSE BILL NO. 481

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

A BILL

For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to a division of geological survey."
BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

* Section 1. AS 41 is amended by adding a new chapter to read:

CHAPTER 7. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY.

Sec. 41.07.010. DIVISION OF GEOLOGICAL SURVEY. The commissioner of natural resources shall control and supervise the division of geological survey created and established under the Department of Natural Resources. The head of the division of geological survey, called the state geologist, has administrative powers and other delegated duties, as prescribed by law or regulation.

Sec. 41.07.020. POWERS AND DUTIES. The division of geological survey is authorized to make a complete geological survey of the state, giving special attention to all natural products of economic importance in order to determine the character, location, and amount of these products; and to provide information on and call attention to areas of potential danger of a geologic nature to private or public building projects. An annual report by the division shall be made to the governor and the legislature. The report shall indicate specifically the lands that have been surveyed and the general progress and condition of the work.

Sec. 41.07.030. PRINTING AND DISTRIBUTION OF REPORTS. The annual and other reports of the survey, with proper illustrations and maps, shall be printed as the state geologist may direct, and the reports shall be distributed or sold by him as the interests of the state and

1 of science demand. All money obtained by the sale of reports shall be
2 paid into the general fund.

3 Sec. 41.07.040. COOPERATION WITH UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY.

4 The state geologist may make provisions for topographic, geologic,
5 and hydrographic surveys of the state in cooperation with the United
6 States Geological Survey in such manner as in his opinion will be of
7 the greatest benefit to the agricultural, industrial, and geological
8 requirements of the state.

9 Sec. 41.07.050. ENTRY ON LANDS AUTHORIZED. In order to carry out
10 the purpose of this chapter, members of the division of geological
11 survey may, under the direction of the commissioner enter and cross all
12 land in the state, but no damage may be done to private property.
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