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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 614

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to roads to areas rich in mineral  
7 resources."

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

9 \* Section 1. AS 19.30.020 is repealed and re-enacted to read:

10 Sec. 19.30.020. PURPOSE. The purpose of secs. 20 - 51 of this  
11 chapter is to facilitate the commercial development of mineral re-  
12 sources, except oil and gas, by authorizing funds to participate in  
13 construction of developmental access roads into areas where mining  
14 prospects of valid commercial promise are inaccessible to truck haulage  
15 These access roads are to be constructed as rudimentary truck roads, and  
16 to standards which can be readily improved for general public use. It  
17 is the intent of the state to participate with mineral resource de-  
18 velopers up to 50 per cent for the cost of construction and maintenance  
19 of developmental access roads under secs. 20 - 51 of this chapter.

20 \* Sec. 2. AS 19.30.030 is repealed and re-enacted to read:

21 Sec. 19.30.030. COMMISSIONER OF NATURAL RESOURCES TO APPROVE  
22 APPLICATION FOR ROAD CONSTRUCTION. (a) The commissioner of natural  
23 resources shall approve applications for construction of developmental  
24 access roads under secs. 20 - 51 of this chapter.

25 (b) A request for construction assistance shall be submitted  
26 to the commissioner of natural resources by the resource developer,  
27 setting out the scope of the development and the resources to be  
28 developed.

29 (c) The commissioner of natural resources shall review the

1 application and, if found feasible and participating funds are avail-  
2 able, may enter into a contract in which the state will participate  
3 with the applicant in the cost of construction of the road, up to  
4 \$ 50,000 or up to 50 per cent of the cost, whichever is lower; however,  
5 the applicant shall pay for all right-of-way acquisition.

6 \* Sec. 3. AS 19.30.040 is repealed and re-enacted to read:

7 Sec. 19.30.040. CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE. (a) Upon approval  
8 of an application and agreement as to state participation, the appli-  
9 cant resource developer shall submit road plans and specifications  
10 for the standard of construction he believes to be necessary to  
11 develop the resource, and upon approval by the commissioner of high-  
12 ways and the commissioner of natural resources, he may proceed with  
13 construction.

14 (b) The applicant will be allowed credit for the use of his own  
15 men and equipment or those of his contractor as his share of cost  
16 participation. The applicant must submit documentation satisfactory  
17 to the commissioner of highways to support his participation for this  
18 credit.

19 (c) If the total cost of the road is less than the original  
20 estimate, the state will match only half of the actual cost.

21 (d) If the total cost of the road is greater than the original  
22 estimate, the applicant resource developer will be responsible for  
23 all costs in excess of the agreed upon state participation.

24 (e) The road becomes the property of the state, and, so long as  
25 the road is used by the applicant resource developer, is open to public  
26 use, and the applicant shall bear one-half the cost of maintenance.

27 \* Sec. 4. AS 19.30 is amended by adding a new section to read:

28 Sec. 19.30.045. CANADIAN MINERALS. The state may elect, at the  
29 joint discretion of the commissioners of highways and natural resources,

1 to authorize participation in a similar manner, to that authorized in  
2 secs. 20 - 40 of this chapter, in construction and maintenance of  
3 developmental access roads to the Alaskan border for the development  
4 of mineral resources which are in adjacent Canadian lands if such  
5 access roads are the most feasible way of developing those mineral  
6 resources, and if it is considered by the commissioners to be in the  
7 interest of the State of Alaska to construct the roads; however, the  
8 state may participate up to \$50,000, or up to one-third of the cost  
9 of construction and of the maintenance of these roads in Alaska, which-  
10 ever is lower.

11 \* Sec. 5. AS 19.30.051 is amended to read:

12       Sec. 19.30.051. REGULATIONS. The commissioner of natural re-  
13 sources and the commissioner of highways shall promulgate rules and  
14 regulations to effectuate the purposes of secs. 20 - 51 [10 - 51] of  
15 this chapter.

16 \* Sec. 6. AS 19.30.010 is repealed. r  
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