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SENATE BILL NO. 369

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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A BILL

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For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to prospecting sites."

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

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* Section 1. AS 38.05.245(a) is amended to read:

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(a) Before the discovery of valuable minerals, an exclusive right to prospect by geological, geophysical, geochemical, airborne, and other exploratory [AND SIMILAR] methods may be acquired by marking boundaries and posting a notice of location of a prospecting site in a manner and containing such information as the commissioner requires. A prospecting site may not exceed 5,280 [2,640] feet in its longest dimension and its boundaries shall run in the four cardinal directions. A certificate of location shall be filed for record in the recording district where the prospecting site is located within 90 days after posting the notice of location, and a copy of the certificate shall also be mailed to the director within the 90 day period. The locator of a prospecting site has the exclusive right to stake mining claims or leasehold locations within the boundaries of his site.

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* Sec. 2. AS 38.05.245(c) is amended to read:

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(c) No person may locate more than nine [SIX] prospecting sites in one calendar year in one United States Geological Survey quadrangle at a scale of 1 to 250,000 [RECORDING DISTRICT]. A prospecting site remains in effect for one year after the notice of location is posted and may, at the discretion of the director, be extended for one year periods. During each year, work of a type compatible with the purpose of this section and acceptable to the director shall be done. This

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1 work may include geological, geochemical, geophysical, or airborne
2 surveys. The minimum expenditure for the work shall be established by
3 the commissioner uniformly for all prospecting sites. Where adjacent
4 prospecting sites are held in common the expenditure may be made on any
5 one or more locations. If a prospecting site expires, neither the
6 locator nor his successor in interest may again locate the same pros-
7 pecting site or any portion of it, as a prospecting site, for a period
8 of two years following the date of expiration or abandonment; nor may
9 he, during the two years, either directly or indirectly, obtain a
10 beneficial interest in the same prospecting site or a portion of it.
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