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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST  
OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

2 SENATE BILL NO. 369

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 prospecting sites." ✓

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

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

9 (a) Before the discovery of valuable minerals, an exclusive right  
10 to prospect by geological, geophysical, geochemical, airborne, and  
11 other exploratory [AND SIMILAR] methods may be acquired by marking  
12 boundaries and posting a notice of location of a prospecting site  
13 in a manner and containing such information as the commissioner re-  
14 quires. A prospecting site may not exceed 5,280 [2,640] feet in its  
15 longest dimension and its boundaries shall run in the four cardinal  
16 directions. A certificate of location shall be filed for record in  
17 the recording district where the prospecting site is located within  
18 90 days after posting the notice of location, and a copy of the cer-  
19 tificate shall also be mailed to the director within the 90 day period.  
20 The locator of a prospecting site has the exclusive right to stake  
21 mining claims or leasehold locations within the boundaries of his site.

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

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

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