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1 IN THE SENATE

2 SENATE BILL NO. 450

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 mining claim assessment work."

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

8 * Section 1. AS 38.05.210 is amended to read:

9 Sec. 38.05.210. ANNUAL LABOR. Labor shall be performed or improve-
10 ments made annually on or for the benefit or development of each mining
11 claim on state land except that where adjacent claims are held in
12 common, the expenditure may be made on any one claim. The commissioner
13 shall [, UNIFORMLY FOR ALL CLAIMS, ESTABLISH THE MINIMUM VALUE OF LABOR
14 AND IMPROVEMENTS AND] establish the date of the commencement of the
15 year during which the labor or improvements [THEY] are to be performed.
16 Labor shall be performed at the annual rate of \$200 per claim. Where
17 more work is performed than is required by this section to be performed
18 in any one year, the excess work up to a value of \$800 may be applied
19 against labor required to be done during the subsequent year or years.
20 Sections 240 and 280 of this chapter apply to this section. During the
21 year in which the performance of annual labor is required or within
22 90 days after the close of that year, the owner of the mining claim or
23 some other person having knowledge of the facts shall file for record
24 with the recorder of the district in which the claim is located a signed
25 statement setting out the information, as may be required by the com-
26 missioner, concerning the annual labor of the preceding year and any
27 labor in excess of that required for the preceding year [AS MAY BE
28 REQUIRED BY THE COMMISSIONER]. The statement, properly filed, is
29 prima facie evidence of the performance of the [ANNUAL] labor. The

1 failure of any one of several owners to contribute his portion of the
2 expenditures required for annual labor shall be treated in accordance
3 with secs. 215 - 235 of this chapter.

4 * Sec. 2. AS 38.05.240 is amended to read:

5 Sec. 38.05.240. LABOR DEFINED FOR SECS. 210 - 235 OF THIS
6 CHAPTER. The term "labor" where used in secs. 210 - 235 of this chap-
7 ter includes, without being limited to, geological, geochemical, [AND]
8 geophysical, and airborne surveys conducted by qualified experts and
9 verified by a detailed report filed in the recording district office
10 in which the claim is located which sets out fully (1) the location of
11 the work performed in relation to the point of discovery and boundaries
12 of the claim, (2) the nature, extent, and cost thereof, and (3) [THE
13 BASIC FINDINGS THEREFROM, AND (4)] the name, address, and professional
14 background of the person or persons conducting the work. Basic survey
15 finds shall be filed in the recording district office, but kept con-
16 fidential and released only if the claim or prospecting site lapses.
17 The commissioner, by regulation, shall define the nature of acceptable
18 survey work and the qualifications of a person competent to perform
19 this work. [THE SURVEYS, HOWEVER, MAY NOT BE APPLIED AS LABOR FOR MORE
20 THAN TWO CONSECUTIVE YEARS OR FOR MORE THAN A TOTAL OF FIVE YEARS ON
21 ANY ONE MINING CLAIM, AND EACH OF THOSE SURVEYS SHALL BE NONREPETITIVE
22 OF ANY PREVIOUS SURVEY ON THE SAME CLAIM.]

23 * Sec. 3. AS 38.05.280 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

24 (5) "airborne survey" means a survey from the air for
25 mineral deposits by the proper application of magnetometers, electro-
26 magnetic input systems, infrared detectors, side-looking radar,
27 vertical and panoramic cameras and other devices as they relate to the
28 search for and discovery of mineral deposits.
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