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SENATE BILL NO. 418

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the Alaska minerals commission."

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

8 * Section 1. (a) The legislature finds that the minerals industries,
9 which include metallic minerals, industrial minerals, and hydrocarbons,
10 have been traditionally and continue to be the major source of wealth and
11 income in the state.

12 (b) The legislature further finds that there are major constraints on
13 the continued development of a diverse mineral industry in the state,
14 including the Environmental Protection Agency's effluent guidelines, state
15 water quality standards and improperly classified streams and rivers,
16 restrictions on surface access, complex and numerous permitting require-
17 ments, a limited access to minerals through mineral closing orders and
18 restrictions on multiple use through state and federal land use plans.

19 * Sec. 2. ALASKA MINERALS COMMISSION ESTABLISHED. (a) The Alaska
20 Minerals Commission is established in the Department of Natural Resources.

21 (b) The commission is composed of 11 members appointed by the
22 governor for three-year terms. In making appointments to the commission,
23 the governor shall appoint individuals who have experience in the various
24 aspects of the minerals industries in the state.

25 (c) The commission shall make recommendations to the governor and to
26 the legislature on ways to mitigate the constraints, including governmental
27 constraints, on development in the state.

28 (d) The commission shall make its preliminary recommendations to the
29 governor and the legislature during the first 10 days of the First Regular

1 session of the Fifteenth Legislature and shall make its final report to the
2 governor and the legislature during the first 10 days of the First Regular
3 Session of the Sixteenth Legislature.

4 * Sec. 3. This Act is repealed February 1, 1989.