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1 IN THE SENATE

BY BENNETT BY REQUEST

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SENATE BILL NO. 422

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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 prospecting for coal."

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

8 * Section 1. AS 38.05.150(c) is amended to read:

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(c) Where prospecting or exploration work is necessary to determine the existence or workability of coal deposits in an unclaimed and undeveloped area, the commissioner shall [MAY] issue to a qualified applicant [APPLICANTS] prospecting permits for a term of three years, covering not more than 5,120 acres with each permit. The commissioner shall make coal prospecting permit applications available at each office of the department and completed applications shall be accepted at any department office during regular business hours. The commissioner shall grant a two-year extension of the initial three-year term of the permit if the permittee has conducted reasonably diligent prospecting or exploration activities in the area covered by the permit, has not been able to determine the existence and workability of coal deposits in the area, and wishes to continue prospecting or exploring in the area. The commissioner may grant up to three two-year extensions of the initial three-year term of the permit. At any time during the period of the permit, the permittee is entitled to a lease after submitting a mining plan satisfactory to the commissioner for that portion of the land in the permit as is shown to the satisfaction of the commissioner to contain coal in commercial quantities or to be needed for mining, reclamation, or processing the coal.

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