

SENATE BILL NO. 42

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY SENATOR MENARD

Introduced: 1/21/91

Referred: Resources and Finance

A BILL**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 "An Act relating to historic mining and transportation trails."

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

3 * Section 1. PURPOSE. The purpose of this Act is to

4 (1) preserve an important element of Alaskan history by identifying and preserving
5 historic mining and transportation trails;6 (2) promote economic development by identifying and preserving historic trails that may
7 be used by the recreation and tourism industries;

8 (3) protect the public's use of and access to historic mining and transportation trails; and

9 (4) assist private landowners by properly locating and identifying historic trails and
10 preventing conflicts between landowners and the users of historic trails.

11 * Sec. 2. AS 29.40.030 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

12 (c) The comprehensive plan shall include an inventory of historic mining and
13 transportation trails located within the municipality. In this subsection, "historic mining trail" and
14 "historic transportation trail" have the meanings given in AS 41.35.410.

1 * Sec. 3. AS 41.35 is amended by adding a new section to read:

2 ARTICLE 3. HISTORIC MINING AND TRANSPORTATION TRAILS.

3 Sec. 41.35.410. HISTORIC MINING AND TRANSPORTATION TRAIL
4 PRESERVATION GRANTS. (a) The department may award matching grants for the
5 preservation of historic mining and transportation trails to a municipality that agrees to match the
6 amount of the grant with an equal contribution provided by the municipality. The municipality's
7 matching contribution may consist of money or personnel, materials, or other in-kind
8 contributions.

9 (b) A municipality may apply for and receive a matching grant under this section for the
10 preservation of a trail if

11 (1) the department has determined that the trail is a historic mining or
12 transportation trail; and

13 (2) the trail has been identified in the municipality's comprehensive plan or
14 coastal management plan.

15 (c) Matching grants awarded for preservation of a historic mining or transportation trail
16 under this section may be used for surveying and monumentation of the trail, acquisition of trail
17 rights-of-way and easements, platting and documentation of the trail, marking of the trail, and
18 development of a trail management plan. The matching grants may not be used for maintenance
19 of trails.

20 (d) In this section,

21 (1) "historic mining trail" means a trail established before statehood that was
22 instrumental in the development of a mining district or area;

23 (2) "historic transportation trail" means a trail established before statehood that
24 served as a principal transportation route for people, goods, and commerce between locations in
25 the state.