

The Board is hereby instructed to report its findings to the next sessions of the Territorial Legislature.

Report to be made to next Legislature.

Approved March 14, 1935.

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## CHAPTER 79.

### AN ACT

[H. B. 57]

Establishing a Department of Mines; prescribing its functions and organization; making an appropriation for its maintenance; repealing all conflicting Acts and (or) parts of Acts; and declaring an emergency.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska:*

Section 1. That there is hereby established in the Territory of Alaska a department of mining and mineral resources to be designated the Department of Mines, which, except as otherwise provided by Acts of Congress, shall have charge of all matters affecting exploration, development and mining of the mineral resources of the Territory; the collection and dissemination of all official information relative to the mineral resources, and mines and mining projects of the Territory; and shall have charge of the administration of the laws with respect to all kinds of mining.

Department of Mines created.

Section 2. That the management and direction of the said Department of Mines shall be vested in a Commissioner of Mines, which office is hereby created, who shall be thoroughly equipped for the duties of said office by technical education and experience, and who shall be appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Legislature in joint session, and shall receive a salary of Five Thousand Dollars per annum.

Commissioner of Mines to manage.

Employees.

Section 3. That there shall be in the said Department such duly qualified experts and other employees to be appointed by the Commissioner as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act in accordance with the appropriations made from time to time by the Legislature for such purposes all of whom shall hold office subject to the pleasure of the Commissioner.

Neither commissioner nor employees shall have interest in property investigated or accept employment from private party.

Section 4. That in conducting the inquiries and investigations authorized by this Act neither the Commissioner nor any member of the Department shall have any personal or private interest in any mine or the products of any mine under investigation, or shall accept employment from any private party for services in the examination of any private mineral property: Provided, that nothing herein shall be construed as preventing employment by the Department, in a consulting capacity or in the investigation of special subjects, of any engineer or other expert whose principal professional practice is outside of such employment by said Department.

Proviso.

\$22,800 appropriated to carry out provisions of act.

Section 5. That to carry out the purposes of this Act the sum of Twenty-Two Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$22,800.00) or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and the same is hereby appropriated to be expended upon vouchers approved by the Governor to cover during the biennium ending March 31, 1937 the cost of making investigations of and disseminating information concerning the mineral resources and mining industry of the Territory; assisting prospectors and otherwise encouraging new mining development; and for the inspection of mines and the protection of the lives and health of miners; including the salaries of the Commissioner and his technical assistants, and their necessary expenses while engaged in traveling on their official duties; clerk-hire and stenographic assistance; preparing and printing report, blank forms and sta-

tionery; and contingent office and field expenses. Provided: That all expenditures made under this Act shall first be authorized by the Board of Administration of the Territory of Alaska and that the Commissioner shall upon assuming the duties of his office outline a proposal for carrying out the provisions of this Act covering a two year period which proposal shall be submitted to the Administrative Board for their consideration and approval.

Section 6 The Commissioner is authorized on behalf of the Territory to negotiate from time to time with the Federal departments and other agencies such arrangements as may be deemed expedient for cooperation with said departments and agencies in formulating and carrying out policies and projects designed to encourage and assist in the development of the mineral resources of the Territory.

Commissioner  
to cooperate  
with federal  
departments  
and other  
agencies.

Section 7. That all Acts and (or) parts of Acts in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Repeal.

Section 8. That an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act shall take effect from and after its passage and approval.

Emergency.

Approved March 14, 1935.

## CHAPTER 80.

### AN ACT

[H. B. 58]

To encourage and regulate the development and mining of the mineral resources of the Territory of Alaska.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska:*

Section 1. That the Department of Mines shall, under the management and direction of the Commis-

Department  
of Mines to  
conduct survey  
of mineral  
resources and  
disseminate  
information.