

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Alaska:

Section . AS 14.40 is amended by adding a new section to read:

Sec. 14.40.115. **Establishment of Mineral Industry Research Program.** The university shall establish a mineral industry research program and coordinate with state and federal mineral agencies to implement the program by

(1) using the laboratory facilities and staff of the College of Earth Sciences

and Mineral Industry to initiate applied and appropriate basic research in the areas of mineral beneficiation, mine and mill design, new mineral product development, and improvement of exploration methods, such as geochemical and geophysical prospecting;

(2) making the facilities of the program available for research on mineral deposits within the state;

(3) making studies on specific problems relative to Alaska's mineral industry upon request.

Approved April 5, 1963

CHAPTER 33

AN ACT

Relating to the licensing of explosives handlers.

(S.B. 169)

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Alaska:

Section 1. AS 08.52.060 is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 08.52.060. **Duration of Certificate.** A certificate of fitness is effective for three years from the date of issue. The department may cancel a certificate for cause.

Approved April 5, 1963

CHAPTER 34

AN ACT

Relating to petitions for initiatives or referendums in political subdivisions; and providing for an effective date.

(S.B. 75)

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Alaska:

Section 1. AS 29.65.020 is amended to read:

Sec. 29.65.020. **Petition.** Every petition for either the initiative or referendum in the government of a political subdivision shall be signed by a number of qualified voters residing within the territorial limits of the political subdivision equal to, (1) if a city or bor-

ough of less than 7,500 persons, 25 per cent; or, (2) if a city or borough of 7,500 persons or more, 15 per cent of the total number of votes cast at the next preceding general election in the city or borough concerned or special election called for the purpose of electing city or borough officers, and every petition shall be filed with the chief executive officer of the political subdivision.

Sec. 2. This Act takes effect on the day after its passage and approval or on the day it becomes law without such approval.

Approved April 6, 1963