

ed under sec. 185 of this chapter.

Sec. 3. AS 23.30.265(16) is amended to read:

(16) "medical and related benefits" includes but is not limited to physicians' fees, nurses' charges, hospital services, hospital supplies, medicine and prosthetic devices, physical rehabilitation, and treatment for the fitting and training for use of such devices as may reasonably be required which arises out of or is necessitated by an injury, and transportation charges to the nearest point where adequate medical facilities are available.

Sec. 4. AS 23.30.265(18) is amended to read:

(18) "physician" includes doctors of medicine, surgeons, chiropractors, osteopaths, dentists, and optometrists;

Sec. 5. AS 23.30.265 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(23) "prosthetic devices" includes but is not limited to eye glasses, hearing aids, dentures, and other devices and appliances, and the repair or replacement of the devices necessitated by ordinary wear and arising out of an injury.

Sec. 6. This Act takes effect on the day after its passage and approval or on the day it becomes law without such approval.

Approved April 19, 1963

CHAPTER 75

AN ACT

Relating to safety standards for the operation of coal mines and other mines; and providing for an effective date.

(C.S.H.B. 123)

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

Section 1. AS 27.20.010(a) is amended to read:

(a) The commissioner of natural resources may adopt the rules, regulations, and orders which he considers necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter, and his rules and regulations shall have the force and effect of law. Rules, regulations, and orders authorized by this chapter shall be consistent with its purposes, and may include but are not limited to rules, regulations, and orders pertaining to and supplementing the subject matter contained in this chapter. The commissioner of natural resources, in adopting coal mining safety regulations, shall, as nearly as is practicable, conform to the federal regulations applicable to bituminous coal and lignite mine safety.

Sec. 2. AS 27.20 is amended by adding new sections to read:

Sec. 27.20.021. **Department May Inspect Mining Operations.** The department may enter, inspect, and examine

any mining operation in the state, and inspect and examine the workings and the machinery belonging to it at all reasonable times, either day or night, but not so as to impede or obstruct the workings of the mining operation more than is necessary. He may also make inquiry into the condition of the mine, workings, machinery, ventilation, drainage and methods of lighting or using lights, and into methods, things, and appliances connected with and relating to the health and safety of persons in or about the mine. The manager of each mine shall furnish the means necessary for entry, inspection, examination, inquiry, and exit.

Sec. 27.20.031. **Correcting Unsafe Conditions.** If, upon examination, a mine or a portion of it is found to be in an unsafe condition as defined by regulations adopted under this chapter, or, if proper first aid or mine rescue measures have not been adopted, the department shall at once serve notice in writing upon the owner, lessee, agent, operator, manager, or superintendent of the mine, setting out the nature of the defects which render the mine unsafe or insecure and the

place in the mine where the defects exist, and require the repairs necessary to remedy the defects to be made within a specified time. If circumstances require it, the department shall forbid the operation of the mine or portion of it that is declared unsafe or insecure, except for the purpose of making necessary repairs to make the mine safe for employees in it, and for the purpose of permitting inspection and investigation of the conditions described in the notice.

Sec. 27.20.041. **Reports to Be Confidential.** The department shall keep confidential, upon the request of the person supplying the information, all reports and information required to be filed by regulations adopted under this chapter and all information deducible from filed information. Except by order of a court of competent jurisdiction, the information shall be revealed only to authorized employees and officers of the state and persons authorized in writing by the persons supplying the information. The information may also be made available to the public in the form of statistical reports if the identity of any particular person or mine operator is not revealed by the reports.

Sec. 27.20.051. **Penalties.** A person who fails to comply with any provision

of this chapter or with a regulation or order adopted under it, upon conviction, is punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,000, or by imprisonment for not more than one year, or by both.

Sec. 27.20.061. **Definition of Mining Operation.** In this chapter,

(1) "mining operation" includes all parts of a mine or mineral exploration project in the state and any mining or treatment plant or equipment connected with it, underground or on the surface, which contributes or may contribute to the mining or treatment of ore or other metalliferous or nonmetalliferous mineral product; the term also includes a site of tunneling, shaft-sinking, quarrying, or excavation of rock for other purposes, including but not limited to the construction of water or highway tunnels or drains or of underground sites for the housing of industrial plants or other facilities;

(2) "department" means the Department of Natural Resources.

Sec. 3. AS 27.20.015 - 27.20.480 are repealed.

Sec. 4. This Act takes effect August 1, 1963.

Approved April 19, 1963

CHAPTER 76

AN ACT

Making and continuing special appropriations to the Office of the Governor; and providing for an effective date.

(H.B. 210)

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

Section 1. Any unexpended balance in the line item for Special Counsel, Fish Traps, originally listed under the Office of the Governor in sec. 1, ch. 182, SLA 1960, and carried over by ch. 81, SLA 1961, and carried over and added to by ch. 25, SLA 1962, shall not lapse and revert to the general fund, but is carried over as an appropriation for expert witness and special counsel fees, transcribing costs, travel, and per diem incurred in freight rate

and federal regulatory board or commission proceedings, in any litigation on penalties for delay in delivering ferries to the state, and in unforeseen litigation requiring special expert counsel during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1964.

Sec. 2. There is appropriated to the Office of the Governor from the general fund the sum of \$20,000 to be added to any unexpended balance in the line item for the above purposes for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1964.