



# LAWS OF ALASKA

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## AN ACT

Relating to the preservation and control of sites and items of historical or scientific interest on state land; and providing for an effective date.

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

\* Section 1. AS 38 is amended by adding new sections to read:

CHAPTER 12. PRESERVATION OF SITES OF HISTORICAL  
OR SCIENTIFIC INTEREST.

Sec. 38.12.010. UNLAWFUL ACTS. It is unlawful for a person to appropriate, excavate, remove, injure or destroy an historic or prehistoric ruin, monument, petroglyph, pictograph or carving marker on land owned or controlled by the state, including tide and submerged lands, except as otherwise provided for in this chapter.

Sec. 38.12.020. STATE PRESERVES. The commissioner of natural resources is authorized to declare by public order that a given historic or scientific site or item described in sec. 10 of this chapter is a state preserve. State preserves shall be confined to the smallest area necessary to the proper care and preservation of the site or item of historic or scientific interest found or located on state-owned or

controlled land. The commissioner is authorized to receive on behalf of the state any site or item described in this section from a private or governmental source wishing to relinquish it to the state.

Sec. 38.12.030. PERMITS. The commissioner may issue a permit for the examination of ruins, excavation of archeological sites, and the gathering of objects of antiquity or of scientific interest on land owned or controlled by the state. A permit may be issued only to persons or organizations qualified to make the examinations, excavations, or gatherings and only if the results of these authorized activities will be made available to the general public through institutions and museums interested in disseminating knowledge on the subjects involved.

Sec. 38.12.040. REGULATIONS. The commissioner of natural resources shall promulgate regulations to carry out the purposes of this chapter.

Sec. 38.12.050. PENALTY. A person who violates a provision of this chapter is guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction is punishable by a fine of \$500, or by imprisonment for not more than six months, or by both.

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