

revocation of the license, the operation of the vessel in the state is unlawful for the purposes covered by secs. 490 - 530 of this chapter.

Sec. 11. AS 16.05.510 is amended to read:

Sec. 16.05.510. **Unlicensed Vessel Unlawful.** Operation without a vessel license of any vessel to which secs. 490 - 530 of this chapter apply is unlawful, whether the absence of a vessel license results from initial failure to purchase or from revocation by the commissioner of fish and game.

Sec. 12. AS 16.05.530 is amended to read:

Sec. 16.05.530. **Annual Renewal of Vessel License.** Upon annual payment of a license fee of \$10 for a resident and \$30 for a nonresident, and filing of the name and address of the owner and operator of the vessel, the name and number of the vessel, a description of the vessel and fishing gear, vessel license number, the area to be fished, and other reasonable information required by the Department of Revenue, the Department of Revenue shall issue a number plate and a vessel license. If the vessel has a number plate, the Department of Revenue shall issue a vessel license and tab designating the year. The tab shall be placed in the space provided on the permanent number plate.

Sec. 13. AS 16.05.940(4) is amended to read:

(4) "commissioner" means the commissioner of fish and game unless specifically provided otherwise;

Sec. 14. AS 16.05.940(5) is amended to read:

(5) "department" means the Department of Fish and Game unless specifically provided otherwise;

Sec. 15. AS 44.25.020 is amended to read:

Sec. 44.25.020. **Duties of Department.** The Department of Revenue shall (1) enforce the tax laws of the state; (2) collect, account for, have custody of, invest, and manage all state funds and all revenues of the state except revenues incidental to a program of licensing and regulation carried on by another state department; except that the Department of Revenue shall issue fish and game licenses, collect fish and game license revenues, and do all other acts incidental to the performance of these functions; (3) register log and cattle brands; and (4) supply necessary clerical and administrative services for the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board.

Sec. 16. AS 16.05.520 is amended to read:

Sec. 16.05.520. **Number Plate.** (a) The vessel license includes a permanent number plate. The number plate shall be accompanied by a tab affixed to it designating the year to be fished. A number plate is not transferable, and it shall be considered a permanent fixture upon the vessel upon which it is originally placed. It shall be securely fastened well forward on the port side in plain sight. On a vessel with a superstructure the plate shall be fastened on the port side of the superstructure. A number plate remains the property of the state. If a permanent number plate is accidentally defaced, mutilated, destroyed, or lost, the person owning or operating the vessel shall immediately apply for and may obtain a duplicate upon furnishing the Department of Revenue with the pertinent facts and a payment of \$2.

(b) If a vessel carrying a number plate is lost, destroyed, or sold, the owner shall immediately report the loss, destruction, or sale to the Department of Revenue.

Approved April 5, 1963

CHAPTER 32

AN ACT

Relating to a mineral industry research program.

(H.B. 106)

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