Public Law 99-235
99th Congress

An Act

To amend section 504 of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act to promote the development of mineral wealth in Alaska.

Jan. 9, 1986
[H.R. 2651]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

National parks, monuments, etc.

SECTION 1. As used in this Act, the term "the Act" means the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (Public Law 96-487).

16 USC 3101 note.
94 Stat. 2403.

SEC. 2. (a) Section 504 of the Act is hereby amended as follows:

(1) by adding the following after the words "two-hundred-seventy days after the date of the enactment of this Act" in subparagraph (A) of paragraph (1) of subsection (c): "(or, with respect to an unperfected claim within the Greens Creek watershed portion of the Admiralty Island National Monument, within five years and three months after the date of the enactment of this Act)";

(2) by striking the period at the end of subparagraph (A) of paragraph (2) of subsection (c) and by inserting in lieu thereof the following: "or subparagraph (c)(2)(C)";

(3) by adding a new subparagraph (C) after subparagraph (B) of paragraph (2) of subsection (c) as follows:

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"(C) Any permit to explore an unperfected mining claim within the Admiralty Island National Monument during the period beginning on the date five years and one day after the date of enactment of this Act shall terminate on the date six years after the date of enactment of this Act.";

(4) by striking the words "before the expiration of such permit" from paragraph (1) of subsection (e) and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "on or before the date five years after the date of enactment of this Act";

(5) by striking the words "upon the expiration of such permit" from paragraph (2) of subsection (e) and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "at midnight, December 2, 1986,"; and

(6) by adding the following new paragraph (3) at the end of subsection (e):

Patents and trademarks.
Mines and mining.

"(3) No patent of any type shall be issued under this subsection with respect to any unperfected mining claim with regard to which the holder thereof has not notified the Secretary pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection on or before the date five years after the date of enactment of this Act.".

(b) Section 504 of the Act is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof a new subsection (k) as follows:

Prohibitions.

"(k) PROTECTION AGREEMENTS.—(1) Subject to the availability of necessary appropriations, the Secretary shall undertake to negotiate an agreement acceptable to and binding on Shee Atika, Incorporated, its successors and assigns, whereby it is agreed that during the term of such agreement there shall occur on lands within the boundary of the Admiralty Island National Monument which as of

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October 1, 1985, were owned by Shee Atika, Incorporated, no harvesting of timber, construction of roads, or any other activities which would impair the suitability of such lands for preservation as wilderness.

"(2) During the period an agreement as described in paragraph (1) is in effect the requirements of Corps of Engineers permit numbered 071-OYD-2-810133, Chatham Strait 92 shall be suspended so far as such requirements are applicable to lands subject to such an agreement.

"(3) After the execution of the agreement described in paragraph (1) of this subsection, and subject to the availability of necessary appropriations, the Secretary shall undertake to execute similar agreements acceptable to and binding on Shee Atika, Incorporated, its successors and assigns, for periods after the expiration of the agreement described in paragraph (1). The provisions of paragraph (2) shall apply during the period any agreements executed pursuant to this paragraph are in effect.

"(4) The Secretary is authorized to execute agreements similar to the agreement described in paragraph (1) with regard to any lands within the boundaries of the Admiralty Island National Monument which are owned by an entity other than the United States.".

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