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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTIONS 27-101.01 AND 27-102, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO
THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND MINERAL RESOURCES.

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1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 27-101.01, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 27-101.01. Department of mines and mineral resources:
5 objectives; immunity

6 A. A department of mines and mineral resources is established.

7 B. The objectives of the department are to promote the development of
8 the mineral resources of this state:

9 1. Through technical and educational processes, including field
10 investigations, public seminars, publications, conferences and mineral
11 displays.

12 2. By providing mining, metallurgical and other technical information
13 and assistance to all persons who are interested in developing the mineral
14 resources of this state.

15 3. BY CONDUCTING RESEARCH IN AREAS THAT WOULD HELP MINING AND MINERAL
16 INDUSTRIES IN FUTURE DEVELOPMENT.

17 C. Any claim or action against the department, the board of governors
18 or any member of the board or the director or any other officer, employee or
19 volunteer of the department in the person's official capacity must be brought
20 against the state of Arizona and not against the department, board, board
21 member, director or officer, employee or volunteer individually.

22 Sec. 2. Section 27-102, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

23 27-102. Duties of the department; mining and mineral museum

24 A. Consistent with the objectives stated in section 27-101.01, the
25 department shall:

26 1. Promote the development of the mineral resources and industry of
27 this state.

28 2. Advocate the development of mineral resources and the production of
29 minerals and mineral products in this state in support of its objectives.

30 3. Participate in conferences, seminars, forums, speaking engagements,
31 public news media and other functions necessary to achieve its objectives.

32 4. Conduct studies of the properties and claims of companies and
33 individuals to assist in the exploration and development of mineral
34 resources.

35 5. Maintain a repository of mineral and mining information, including
36 databases, books, periodicals, individual mine files, mine map repository
37 files, mining district data and an archive of mine data. All databases and
38 other archival materials shall be maintained in a secure and retrievable
39 format and location prescribed by the director to protect and preserve
40 information from damage or destruction.

41 6. Provide quality mining data, evaluation and assistance relating to
42 promoting mineral development to the legislature, federal, state and local
43 governmental agencies and the public.

- 1 7. Make surveys of potential economic mineral resources and conduct
2 field and other investigations which may interest capital in the development
3 of the state's mineral resources.
- 4 8. Serve as a source of mining information for this state in matters
5 relating to its mineral resources and monitor current mining and exploration
6 activities.
- 7 9. Publish and disseminate information and data necessary or advisable
8 to attain its objectives. The director may establish reasonable fees for
9 publications.
- 10 10. Cooperate with ~~the corporation commission~~ FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL
11 LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES in ~~its~~ THEIR investigations and administration of
12 laws relating to the sale of mining securities.
- 13 11. Assist federal, state and local governmental agencies and
14 instrumentalities, economic development organizations and gem and mineral
15 organizations in matters relating to:
- 16 (a) Education.
- 17 (b) The identification, exploration and development of mineral
18 resources in this state.
- 19 12. Use its authority in other ways to assist in more extensive
20 exploration and development of the mineral resources of the state.
- 21 B. The department shall maintain a mining and mineral museum as the
22 state depository for collecting, cataloging and displaying mining artifacts
23 and specimens of various ores, gemstones, lapidary material and other
24 valuable mineral specimens. In connection with the museum, the director may:
- 25 1. Establish and collect entrance fees to the museum for persons who
26 are at least eighteen years of age.
- 27 2. Operate a retail gift shop including the acquisition, purchase and
28 resale of mineral specimens and mineral-related items.
- 29 3. Employ a curator for the museum.