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Fact Sheet for: Senate Bill 144

Short Title: EMISSION CONTROL PROGRAM PERMITS/REGS

Summary:

- Amends state statutes on air quality permitting for stationary sources to meet federal air quality requirements.
- Applies to major and minor air quality permits.
- Authorizes the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation to revoke minor air quality permits for nonpayment of permit fees.

Benefits:

- Allows the state to maintain primacy over air quality permitting in Alaska.
- Streamlines permitting process by having one agency handle air quality permit applications.

Background:

- Air quality permits in Alaska are necessary to protect the state's environment. SB 144 allows the state to enforce federal air quality regulations in Alaska by bringing state air quality rules for stationary sources into compliance with existing federal regulations. Some examples of stationary sources include, but are not limited to, oil and gas rigs, mining sites and logging operations. The law applies to major and minor air quality permits. The legislation also allows the state to revoke minor air quality permits when a permit holder fails to pay the permit fees.