

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 110(FIN)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Offered:

Referred:

Sponsor(s): HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR**A BILL****FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 "An Act relating to the interest rate applicable to certain amounts due for fees, taxes,
2 and payments made and property delivered to the Department of Revenue; relating to
3 the oil and gas production tax rate; relating to monthly installment payments of the oil
4 and gas production tax; relating to oil and gas production tax credits, including
5 qualified capital credits for exploration, development, and production; relating to
6 certain additional nontransferable oil and gas production tax credits; relating to the
7 disclosure of certain tax information; making conforming amendments; and providing
8 for an effective date."

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

10 * **Section 1.** AS 05.15.095(c) is amended to read:

11 (c) A delinquent fee bears interest at the rate set by AS 43.05.225(2)
12 [AS 43.05.225].

1 * **Sec. 2.** AS 34.45.470(a) is amended to read:

2 (a) A person who fails to pay or deliver property within the time prescribed by
3 this chapter may be required to pay to the department interest at the annual rate
4 calculated under AS 43.05.225(2) [AS 43.05.225] on the property or the value of it
5 from the date the property should have been paid or delivered.

6 * **Sec. 3.** AS 43.05.225 is amended to read:

7 **Sec. 43.05.225. Interest.** Unless otherwise provided,

8 (1) when a tax levied in this title becomes delinquent, it bears interest
9 in a calendar quarter at the rate of three [FIVE] percentage points above the annual
10 rate charged member banks for advances by the 12th Federal Reserve District as of the
11 first day of that calendar quarter, or at the annual rate of 11 percent, whichever is
12 lesser [GREATER], compounded quarterly as of the last day of that quarter;

13 (2) the interest rate is 12 percent a year for

14 (A) delinquent fees payable under AS 05.15.095(c); and

15 (B) [REPEALED AND

16 (C)] unclaimed property that is not timely paid or delivered, as
17 allowed by AS 34.45.470(a).

18 * **Sec. 4.** AS 43.20.046(i) is amended to read:

19 (i) The issuance of a refund under this section does not limit the department's
20 ability to later audit or adjust the claim if the department determines, as a result of the
21 audit, that the person that claimed the credit was not entitled to the amount of the
22 credit. The tax liability of the person receiving the credit under this chapter is
23 increased by the amount of the credit that exceeds that to which the person was
24 entitled. If the tax liability is increased under this subsection, the increase bears
25 interest under AS 43.05.225(1) [AS 43.05.225] from the date the refund was issued.

26 * **Sec. 5.** AS 43.50.570 is amended to read:

27 **Sec. 43.50.570. Interest.** A licensee who fails to pay an amount due for the
28 purchase of stamps within the time required

29 (1) is considered to have failed to pay the cigarette taxes due under this
30 chapter; and

31 (2) shall pay interest at the rate established under AS 43.05.225(1)

1 [AS 43.05.225] from the date on which the amount became due until the date of
2 payment.

3 * **Sec. 6.** AS 43.55.011(e) is amended to read:

4 (e) There is levied on the producer of oil or gas a tax for all oil and gas
5 produced each calendar year from each lease or property in the state, less any oil and
6 gas the ownership or right to which is exempt from taxation or constitutes a
7 landowner's royalty interest. Except as otherwise provided under (f), (j), (k), and (o) of
8 this section, the tax is equal to the sum of

9 [(1)] the annual production tax value of the taxable oil and gas

10 **(1) produced from a lease or property not described in (2) of this**
11 **subsection as calculated under AS 43.55.160(a)(1) multiplied by 25 percent, and the**
12 **sum, over all months of the calendar year, of the tax amounts determined under**
13 **(g)(1) of this section;** and

14 **(2) produced during the first seven consecutive years after the**
15 **start of sustained production from a lease or property containing land that was**
16 **not or previously had not been within a unit or in commercial production as of**
17 **December 31, 2008, as calculated under AS 43.55.160(a)(1) multiplied by 15**
18 **percent, and** the sum, over all months of the calendar year, of the tax amounts
19 determined under **(g)(2) [(g)]** of this section; **in this paragraph, "sustained**
20 **production" has the meaning given in AS 43.55.025(l).**

21 * **Sec. 7.** AS 43.55.011(g) is repealed and reenacted to read:

22 (g) For each month of the calendar year for which the producer's average
23 monthly production tax value under AS 43.55.160(a)(2) for each BTU equivalent
24 barrel of the taxable oil and gas is more than \$30, the amount of tax for purposes

25 (1) of (e)(1) of this section is determined by multiplying the monthly
26 production tax value of the taxable oil and gas produced during the month by the
27 following tax rates, as applicable:

28 (A) if the producer's average monthly production tax value of a
29 BTU equivalent barrel of the taxable oil and gas for the month is not more than
30 \$42.50, the tax rate is 2.5 percent of the difference between that average
31 monthly production tax value of a BTU equivalent barrel and \$30;

(B) if the producer's average monthly production tax value of a BTU equivalent barrel of the taxable oil and gas for the month is more than \$42.50 but not more than \$55, the tax rates are

(i) 2.5 percent on the first \$12.50 of monthly production tax value for each BTU equivalent barrel that is greater than \$30; and

(ii) 7.5 percent of the monthly production tax value for each BTU equivalent barrel that is greater than \$42.50;

(C) if the producer's average monthly production tax value of a BTU equivalent barrel of the taxable oil and gas for the month is more than \$55 but not more than \$67.50, the tax rates are

(i) 2.5 percent on the first \$12.50 of monthly production tax value for each BTU equivalent barrel that is greater than \$30;

(ii) 7.5 percent of the next higher \$12.50 of monthly production tax value for each BTU equivalent barrel; and

(iii) 12.5 percent of the monthly production tax value for each BTU equivalent barrel that is greater than \$55:

(D) if the producer's average monthly production tax value of a BTU equivalent barrel of the taxable oil and gas for the month is more than \$67.50 but not more than \$80, the tax rates are

(i) 2.5 percent on the first \$12.50 of monthly production tax value for each BTU equivalent barrel that is greater than \$30;

(ii) 7.5 percent of the next higher \$12.50 of monthly production tax value for each BTU equivalent barrel;

(iii) 12.5 percent of the next higher \$12.50 of monthly
differences, and so on. RTU is included.

(iv) 17.5 percent of the monthly production tax value
for a 1 BTU equivalent natural gas unit: \$67.50

(E) if the producer's average monthly production tax value of a BTU equivalent barrel of the taxable oil and gas for the month is more than

(i) 2.5% on the first \$12,500 and 11% on the balance.

1 tax value for each BTU equivalent barrel that is greater than \$30;
2 (ii) 7.5 percent of the next higher \$12.50 of monthly
3 production tax value for each BTU equivalent barrel;
4 (iii) 12.5 percent of the next higher \$12.50 of monthly
5 production tax value for each BTU equivalent barrel;
6 (iv) 17.5 percent of the next higher \$12.50 of monthly
7 production tax value for each BTU equivalent barrel; and
8 (v) 22.5 percent of the monthly production tax value for
9 each BTU equivalent barrel that is greater than \$80;

10 (F) if the producer's average monthly production tax value of a
11 BTU equivalent barrel of the taxable oil and gas for the month is more than
12 \$92.50, the tax rates are

13 (i) 2.5 percent on the first \$12.50 of monthly production
14 tax value for each BTU equivalent barrel that is greater than \$30;
15 (ii) 7.5 percent of the next higher \$12.50 of monthly
16 production tax value for each BTU equivalent barrel;
17 (iii) 12.5 percent of the next higher \$12.50 of monthly
18 production tax value for each BTU equivalent barrel;
19 (iv) 17.5 percent of the next higher \$12.50 of monthly
20 production tax value for each BTU equivalent barrel;
21 (v) 22.5 percent of the next higher \$12.50 of monthly
22 production tax value for each BTU equivalent barrel; and
23 (vi) 25 percent of the monthly production tax value for
24 each BTU equivalent barrel that is greater than \$92.50;

25 (2) of (e)(2) of this section is determined by multiplying the monthly
26 production tax value of the taxable oil and gas produced during the month by the
27 following tax rates, as applicable:

28 (A) if the producer's average monthly production tax value of a
29 BTU equivalent barrel of the taxable oil and gas for the month is not more than
30 \$42.50, the tax rate is 2.5 percent of the difference between that average
31 monthly production tax value of a BTU equivalent barrel and \$30;

(B) if the producer's average monthly production tax value of a BTU equivalent barrel of the taxable oil and gas for the month is more than \$42.50 but not more than \$55, the tax rates are

(i) 2.5 percent on the first \$12.50 of monthly production tax value for each BTU equivalent barrel that is greater than \$30; and

(ii) 7.5 percent of the monthly production tax value for each BTU equivalent barrel that is greater than \$42.50;

(C) if the producer's average monthly production tax value of a BTU equivalent barrel of the taxable oil and gas for the month is more than \$55 but not more than \$67.50, the tax rates are

(i) 2.5 percent on the first \$12.50 of monthly production tax value for each BTU equivalent barrel that is greater than \$30;

(ii) 7.5 percent of the next higher \$12.50 of monthly production tax value for each BTU equivalent barrel; and

(iii) 12.5 percent of the monthly production tax value for each BTU equivalent barrel that is greater than \$55:

(D) if the producer's average monthly production tax value of a BTU equivalent barrel of the taxable oil and gas for the month is more than \$67.50 but not more than \$80, the tax rates are

(i) 2.5 percent on the first \$12.50 of monthly production tax value for each BTU equivalent barrel that is greater than \$30;

(ii) 7.5 percent of the next higher \$12.50 of monthly production tax value for each BTU equivalent barrel;

(iii) 12.5 percent of the next higher \$12.50 of monthly
differences, and so on. RTU is included.

(iv) 17.5 percent of the monthly production tax value for each BTU equivalent delivered to the customer, \$67.50.

(E) if the producer's average monthly production tax value of a BTU equivalent barrel of the taxable oil and gas for the month is more than

(i) 2.5% on the first \$12,500 and 11% on the balance.

1 tax value for each BTU equivalent barrel that is greater than \$30;

2 (ii) 7.5 percent of the next higher \$12.50 of monthly

3 production tax value for each BTU equivalent barrel;

4 (iii) 12.5 percent of the next higher \$12.50 of monthly

5 production tax value for each BTU equivalent barrel;

6 (iv) 17.5 percent of the next higher \$12.50 of monthly

7 production tax value for each BTU equivalent barrel; and

8 (v) 22.5 percent of the monthly production tax value for

9 each BTU equivalent barrel that is greater than \$80;

10 (F) if the producer's average monthly production tax value of a

11 BTU equivalent barrel of the taxable oil and gas for the month is more than

12 \$92.50, the tax rates are

13 (i) 2.5 percent on the first \$12.50 of monthly production

14 tax value for each BTU equivalent barrel that is greater than \$30;

15 (ii) 7.5 percent of the next higher \$12.50 of monthly

16 production tax value for each BTU equivalent barrel;

17 (iii) 12.5 percent of the next higher \$12.50 of monthly

18 production tax value for each BTU equivalent barrel;

19 (iv) 17.5 percent of the next higher \$12.50 of monthly

20 production tax value for each BTU equivalent barrel;

21 (v) 22.5 percent of the next higher \$12.50 of monthly

22 production tax value for each BTU equivalent barrel; and

23 (vi) 15 percent of the monthly production tax value for

24 each BTU equivalent barrel that is greater than \$92.50.

25 * **Sec. 8. AS 43.55.020(a)** is amended to read:

26 (a) For a calendar year, a producer subject to tax under AS 43.55.011(e) - (i)

27 shall pay the tax as follows:

28 (1) an installment payment of the estimated tax levied by

29 AS 43.55.011(e), net of any tax credits applied as allowed by law, is due for each

30 month of the calendar year on the last day of the following month; except as otherwise

31 provided under (2) of this subsection, the amount of the installment payment is the

1 sum of the following amounts, less 1/12 of the tax credits that are allowed by law to be
2 applied against the tax levied by AS 43.55.011(e) for the calendar year, but the amount
3 of the installment payment may not be less than zero:

4 (A) for oil and gas produced from leases or properties in the
5 state outside the Cook Inlet sedimentary basin but not subject to
6 AS 43.55.011(o), other than leases or properties subject to AS 43.55.011(f), the
7 greater of

8 (i) zero; or

9 (ii) the applicable tax rates in AS 43.55.011(e), as
10 applicable, and 43.55.011(g), as applicable, applied to [SUM OF 25

11 PERCENT AND THE TAX RATE CALCULATED FOR THE
12 MONTH UNDER AS 43.55.011(g) MULTIPLIED BY] the remainder
13 obtained by subtracting 1/12 of the producer's adjusted lease
14 expenditures for the calendar year of production under AS 43.55.165
15 and 43.55.170 that are deductible for the leases or properties under
16 AS 43.55.160 from the gross value at the point of production of the oil
17 and gas produced from the leases or properties during the month for
18 which the installment payment is calculated;

19 (B) for oil and gas produced from leases or properties subject
20 to AS 43.55.011(f), the greatest of

21 (i) zero;

22 (ii) zero percent, one percent, two percent, three
23 percent, or four percent, as applicable, of the gross value at the point of
24 production of the oil and gas produced from all leases or properties
25 during the month for which the installment payment is calculated; or

26 (iii) the applicable tax rates in AS 43.55.011(e), as
27 applicable, and 43.55.011(g), as applicable, applied to [SUM OF 25
28 PERCENT AND THE TAX RATE CALCULATED FOR THE
29 MONTH UNDER AS 43.55.011(g) MULTIPLIED BY] the remainder
30 obtained by subtracting 1/12 of the producer's adjusted lease
31 expenditures for the calendar year of production under AS 43.55.165

1 and 43.55.170 that are deductible for those leases or properties under
2 AS 43.55.160 from the gross value at the point of production of the oil
3 and gas produced from those leases or properties during the month for
4 which the installment payment is calculated;

5 (C) for oil and gas produced from each lease or property
6 subject to AS 43.55.011(j), (k), or (o), the greater of

7 (i) zero; or

8 (ii) the **applicable tax rates in AS 43.55.011(e), as**

9 **applicable, and 43.55.011(g), as applicable, applied to** [SUM OF 25
10 PERCENT AND THE TAX RATE CALCULATED FOR THE
11 MONTH UNDER AS 43.55.011(g) MULTIPLIED BY] the remainder
12 obtained by subtracting 1/12 of the producer's adjusted lease
13 expenditures for the calendar year of production under AS 43.55.165
14 and 43.55.170 that are deductible under AS 43.55.160 for oil or gas,
15 respectively, produced from the lease or property from the gross value
16 at the point of production of the oil or gas, respectively, produced from
17 the lease or property during the month for which the installment
18 payment is calculated;

19 (2) an amount calculated under (1)(C) of this subsection for oil or gas
20 produced from a lease or property subject to AS 43.55.011(j), (k), or (o) may not
21 exceed the product obtained by carrying out the calculation set out in
22 AS 43.55.011(j)(1) or (2) or 43.55.011(o), as applicable, for gas or set out in
23 AS 43.55.011(k)(1) or (2), as applicable, for oil, but substituting in
24 AS 43.55.011(j)(1)(A) or (2)(A) or 43.55.011(o), as applicable, the amount of taxable
25 gas produced during the month for the amount of taxable gas produced during the
26 calendar year and substituting in AS 43.55.011(k)(1)(A) or (2)(A), as applicable, the
27 amount of taxable oil produced during the month for the amount of taxable oil
28 produced during the calendar year;

29 (3) an installment payment of the estimated tax levied by
30 AS 43.55.011(i) for each lease or property is due for each month of the calendar year
31 on the last day of the following month; the amount of the installment payment is the

sum of

(A) the applicable tax rate for oil provided under AS 43.55.011(i), multiplied by the gross value at the point of production of the oil taxable under AS 43.55.011(i) and produced from the lease or property during the month; and

(B) the applicable tax rate for gas provided under AS 43.55.011(i), multiplied by the gross value at the point of production of the gas taxable under AS 43.55.011(i) and produced from the lease or property during the month;

(4) any amount of tax levied by AS 43.55.011(e) or (i), net of any credits applied as allowed by law, that exceeds the total of the amounts due as installment payments of estimated tax is due on March 31 of the year following the calendar year of production.

* **Sec. 9.** AS 43.55.020(g) is amended to read:

(g) Notwithstanding any contrary provision of AS 43.05.225, an unpaid amount of an installment payment required under (a)(1) - (3) of this section that is not paid when due bears interest (1) at the rate provided for an underpayment under 26 U.S.C. 6621 (Internal Revenue Code), as amended, compounded daily, from the date the installment payment is due until March 31 following the calendar year of production, and (2) as provided for a delinquent tax under AS 43.05.225(1) [AS 43.05.225] after that March 31. Interest accrued under (1) of this subsection that remains unpaid after that March 31 is treated as an addition to tax that bears interest under (2) of this subsection. An unpaid amount of tax due under (a)(4) of this section that is not paid when due bears interest as provided for a delinquent tax under AS 43.05.225(1) [AS 43.05.225].

* **Sec. 10.** AS 43.55.023(a) is amended to read:

(a) A producer or explorer may take a tax credit for a qualified capital expenditure as follows:

(1) notwithstanding that a qualified capital expenditure may be a deductible lease expenditure for purposes of calculating the production tax value of oil and gas under AS 43.55.160(a), unless a credit for that expenditure is taken under

1 AS 38.05.180(i), AS 41.09.010, AS 43.20.043, or AS 43.55.025, a producer or
2 explorer that incurs a qualified capital expenditure may also elect to apply a tax credit
3 against a tax levied by AS 43.55.011(e) in the amount of 20 percent of that
4 expenditure; [HOWEVER, NOT MORE THAN HALF OF THE TAX CREDIT MAY
5 BE APPLIED FOR A SINGLE CALENDAR YEAR;]

6 (2) a producer or explorer may take a credit for a qualified capital
7 expenditure incurred in connection with geological or geophysical exploration or in
8 connection with an exploration well only if the producer or explorer

9 (A) agrees, in writing, to the applicable provisions of
10 AS 43.55.025(f)(2);

11 (B) submits to the Department of Natural Resources all data
12 that would be required to be submitted under AS 43.55.025(f)(2).

13 * **Sec. 11.** AS 43.55.023(d) is amended to read:

14 (d) Except as limited by (i) of this section, a person that is entitled to take a tax
15 credit under this section that wishes to transfer the unused credit to another person or
16 obtain a cash payment under AS 43.55.028 may apply to the department for a
17 transferable tax credit certificate [CERTIFICATES]. An application under this
18 subsection must be in a form prescribed by the department and must include
19 supporting information and documentation that the department reasonably requires.
20 The department shall grant or deny an application, or grant an application as to a lesser
21 amount than that claimed and deny it as to the excess, not later than 120 days after the
22 latest of (1) March 31 of the year following the calendar year in which the qualified
23 capital expenditure, well lease expenditure, or carried-forward annual loss for which
24 the credit is claimed was incurred; (2) the date the statement required under
25 AS 43.55.030(a) or (e) was filed for the calendar year in which the qualified capital
26 expenditure, well lease expenditure, or carried-forward annual loss for which the
27 credit is claimed was incurred; or (3) the date the application was received by the
28 department. If, based on the information then available to it, the department is
29 reasonably satisfied that the applicant is entitled to a credit, the department shall issue
30 the applicant a [TWO] transferable tax credit certificate for [CERTIFICATES,
31 EACH FOR HALF OF] the amount of the credit. [THE CREDIT SHOWN ON ONE

1 OF THE TWO CERTIFICATES IS AVAILABLE FOR IMMEDIATE USE. THE
2 CREDIT SHOWN ON THE SECOND OF THE TWO CERTIFICATES MAY NOT
3 BE APPLIED AGAINST A TAX FOR A CALENDAR YEAR EARLIER THAN
4 THE CALENDAR YEAR FOLLOWING THE CALENDAR YEAR IN WHICH
5 THE CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED, AND THE CERTIFICATE MUST CONTAIN A
6 CONSPICUOUS STATEMENT TO THAT EFFECT.] A certificate issued under this
7 subsection does not expire.

8 * **Sec. 12.** AS 43.55.023(g) is amended to read:

9 (g) The issuance of a transferable tax credit certificate under (d) of this
10 section or former (m) of this section or the purchase of a certificate under
11 AS 43.55.028 does not limit the department's ability to later audit a tax credit claim to
12 which the certificate relates or to adjust the claim if the department determines, as a
13 result of the audit, that the applicant was not entitled to the amount of the credit for
14 which the certificate was issued. The tax liability of the applicant under
15 AS 43.55.011(e) and 43.55.017 - 43.55.180 is increased by the amount of the credit
16 that exceeds that to which the applicant was entitled, or the applicant's available valid
17 outstanding credits applicable against the tax levied by AS 43.55.011(e) are reduced
18 by that amount. If the applicant's tax liability is increased under this subsection, the
19 increase bears interest under AS 43.05.225 from the date the transferable tax credit
20 certificate was issued. For purposes of this subsection, an applicant that is an explorer
21 is considered a producer subject to the tax levied by AS 43.55.011(e).

22 * **Sec. 13.** AS 43.55.023(g) is amended to read:

23 (g) The issuance of a transferable tax credit certificate under (d) of this section
24 or former (m) of this section or the purchase of a certificate under AS 43.55.028 does
25 not limit the department's ability to later audit a tax credit claim to which the
26 certificate relates or to adjust the claim if the department determines, as a result of the
27 audit, that the applicant was not entitled to the amount of the credit for which the
28 certificate was issued. The tax liability of the applicant under AS 43.55.011(e) and
29 43.55.017 - 43.55.180 is increased by the amount of the credit that exceeds that to
30 which the applicant was entitled, or the applicant's available valid outstanding credits
31 applicable against the tax levied by AS 43.55.011(e) are reduced by that amount. If the

1 applicant's tax liability is increased under this subsection, the increase bears interest
2 under AS 43.05.225(1) [AS 43.05.225] from the date the transferable tax credit
3 certificate was issued. For purposes of this subsection, an applicant that is an explorer
4 is considered a producer subject to the tax levied by AS 43.55.011(e).

5 * **Sec. 14.** AS 43.55.023(l) is amended to read:

6 (l) A producer or explorer may apply for a tax credit for a well lease
7 expenditure incurred [IN THE STATE SOUTH OF 68 DEGREES NORTH
8 LATITUDE] after December 31, 2010, and before January 1, 2021 [JUNE 30,
9 2010], as follows:

10 (1) notwithstanding that a well lease expenditure [INCURRED IN
11 THE STATE SOUTH OF 68 DEGREES NORTH LATITUDE] may be a deductible
12 lease expenditure for purposes of calculating the production tax value of oil and gas
13 under AS 43.55.160(a), unless a credit for that expenditure is taken under (a) of this
14 section, AS 38.05.180(i), AS 41.09.010, AS 43.20.043, or AS 43.55.025, a producer
15 or explorer that incurs a well lease expenditure [IN THE STATE SOUTH OF 68
16 DEGREES NORTH LATITUDE] may elect to apply a tax credit against a tax levied
17 by AS 43.55.011(e) in the amount of 40 percent of that expenditure; [A TAX CREDIT
18 UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH MAY BE APPLIED FOR A SINGLE CALENDAR
19 YEAR;]

20 (2) a producer or explorer may take a credit for a well lease
21 expenditure incurred [IN THE STATE SOUTH OF 68 DEGREES NORTH
22 LATITUDE] in connection with geological or geophysical exploration or in
23 connection with an exploration well only if the producer or explorer

24 (A) agrees, in writing, to the applicable provisions of
25 AS 43.55.025(f)(2); and

26 (B) submits to the Department of Natural Resources all data
27 that would be required to be submitted under AS 43.55.025(f)(2).

28 * **Sec. 15.** AS 43.55.023(l) is amended to read:

29 (l) A producer or explorer may apply for a tax credit for a well lease
30 expenditure incurred in the state south of 68 degrees North latitude after
31 December 31, 2020 [DECEMBER 31, 2010, AND BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2021], as

1 follows:

2 (1) notwithstanding that a well lease expenditure **incurred in the state**
3 **south of 68 degrees North latitude** may be a deductible lease expenditure for
4 purposes of calculating the production tax value of oil and gas under AS 43.55.160(a),
5 unless a credit for that expenditure is taken under (a) of this section, AS 38.05.180(i),
6 AS 41.09.010, AS 43.20.043, or AS 43.55.025, a producer or explorer that incurs a
7 well lease expenditure **in the state south of 68 degrees North latitude** may elect to
8 apply a tax credit against a tax levied by AS 43.55.011(e) in the amount of 40 percent
9 of that expenditure;

10 (2) a producer or explorer may take a credit for a well lease
11 expenditure incurred **in the state south of 68 degrees north latitude** in connection
12 with geological or geophysical exploration or in connection with an exploration well
13 only if the producer or explorer

14 (A) agrees, in writing, to the applicable provisions of
15 AS 43.55.025(f)(2); and

16 (B) submits to the Department of Natural Resources all data
17 that would be required to be submitted under AS 43.55.025(f)(2).

18 * **Sec. 16.** AS 43.55.023(n) is amended to read:

19 (n) For the purposes of (l) [AND (m)] of this section, a well lease expenditure
20 [**INCURRED IN THE STATE SOUTH OF 68 DEGREES NORTH LATITUDE**] is a
21 lease expenditure that is

22 (1) directly related to an exploration well, a stratigraphic test well, a
23 producing well, or an injection well other than a disposal well, [**LOCATED IN THE**
24 **STATE SOUTH OF 68 DEGREES NORTH LATITUDE,**] if the expenditure is a
25 qualified capital expenditure and an intangible drilling and development cost
26 authorized under 26 U.S.C. (Internal Revenue Code), as amended, and 26 C.F.R.
27 1.612-4, regardless of the elections made under 26 U.S.C. 263(c); in this paragraph, an
28 expenditure directly related to a well includes an expenditure for well sidetracking,
29 well deepening, well completion or recompletion, or well workover, regardless of
30 whether the well is or has been a producing well; or

31 (2) an expense for seismic work conducted within the boundaries of a

1 production or exploration unit.

2 * **Sec. 17.** AS 43.55.023(n) is amended to read:

3 (n) For the purposes of (l) of this section, a well lease expenditure incurred in
4 the state south of 68 degrees North latitude is a lease expenditure that is

5 (1) directly related to an exploration well, a stratigraphic test well, a
6 producing well, or an injection well other than a disposal well, located in the state
7 south of 68 degrees North latitude, if the expenditure is a qualified capital
8 expenditure and an intangible drilling and development cost authorized under 26
9 U.S.C. (Internal Revenue Code), as amended, and 26 C.F.R. 1.612-4, regardless of the
10 elections made under 26 U.S.C. 263(c); in this paragraph, an expenditure directly
11 related to a well includes an expenditure for well sidetracking, well deepening, well
12 completion or recompletion, or well workover, regardless of whether the well is or has
13 been a producing well; or

14 (2) an expense for seismic work conducted within the boundaries of a
15 production or exploration unit.

16 * **Sec. 18.** AS 43.55.024(b) is amended to read:

17 (b) A producer may not take a tax credit under (a) of this section for any
18 calendar year after the later of

19 (1) 2021 [2016]; or

20 (2) the ninth calendar year after the calendar year during which the
21 producer first has commercial oil or gas production before May 1, 2021 [2016], from
22 at least one lease or property in the state outside the Cook Inlet sedimentary basin, no
23 part of which is north of 68 degrees North latitude, if the producer did not have
24 commercial oil or gas production from a lease or property in the state outside the Cook
25 Inlet sedimentary basin, no part of which is north of 68 degrees North latitude, before
26 April 1, 2006.

27 * **Sec. 19.** AS 43.55.024(d) is amended to read:

28 (d) A producer may not take a tax credit under (c) of this section for any
29 calendar year after the later of

30 (1) 2021 [2016]; or

31 (2) if the producer did not have commercial oil or gas production from

1 a lease or property in the state before April 1, 2006, the ninth calendar year after the
2 calendar year during which the producer first has commercial oil or gas production
3 before May 1, 2021 [2016], from at least one lease or property in the state.

4 * **Sec. 20. AS 43.55.025(b)** is amended to read:

5 (b) To qualify for the production tax credit under (a) of this section, an
6 exploration expenditure must be incurred for work performed after June 30, 2008, and
7 before July 1, 2021 [2016], and

8 (1) may be for seismic or other geophysical exploration costs not
9 connected with a specific well;

10 (2) if for an exploration well,

11 (A) must be incurred by an explorer that holds an interest in the
12 exploration well for which the production tax credit is claimed;

13 (B) may be for either a well that encounters an oil or gas
14 deposit or a dry hole;

15 (C) must be for a well that has been completed, suspended, or
16 abandoned at the time the explorer claims the tax credit under (f) of this
17 section; and

18 (D) must be for goods, services, or rentals of personal property
19 reasonably required for the surface preparation, drilling, casing, cementing,
20 and logging of an exploration well, and, in the case of a dry hole, for the
21 expenses required for abandonment if the well is abandoned within 18 months
22 after the date the well was spudded;

23 (3) may not be for administration, supervision, engineering, or lease
24 operating costs; geological or management costs; community relations or
25 environmental costs; bonuses, taxes, or other payments to governments related to the
26 well; costs, including repairs and replacements, arising from or associated with fraud,
27 wilful misconduct, gross negligence, criminal negligence, or violation of law,
28 including a violation of 33 U.S.C. 1319(c)(1) or 1321(b)(3) (Clean Water Act); or
29 other costs that are generally recognized as indirect costs or financing costs; and

30 (4) may not be incurred for an exploration well or seismic exploration
31 that is included in a plan of exploration or a plan of development for any unit before

1 May 14, 2003.

2 * **Sec. 21.** AS 43.55.025(k) is amended to read:

3 (k) Subject to the terms and conditions of this section, if a claim is filed under
4 (f)(1) of this section before January 1, 2021 [2016], a credit against the production tax
5 levied by AS 43.55.011(e) is allowed in an amount equal to five percent of an eligible
6 expenditure under this subsection incurred for seismic exploration performed before
7 July 1, 2003. To be eligible under this subsection, an expenditure must

8 (1) have been for seismic exploration that

9 (A) obtained data that the commissioner of natural resources
10 considers to be in the best interest of the state to acquire for public distribution;
11 and

12 (B) was conducted outside the boundaries of a production unit;
13 however, the amount of the expenditure that is otherwise eligible under this
14 section is reduced proportionately by the portion of the seismic exploration
15 activity that crossed into a production unit; and

16 (2) qualify under (b)(3) of this section.

17 * **Sec. 22.** AS 43.55.028(e) is amended to read:

18 (e) The department, on the written application of a person to whom a
19 transferable tax credit certificate has been issued under AS 43.55.023(d) or former
20 AS 43.55.023(m) [(m)] or to whom a production tax credit certificate has been issued
21 under AS 43.55.025(f), may use available money in the oil and gas tax credit fund to
22 purchase, in whole or in part, the certificate if the department finds that

23 (1) the calendar year of the purchase is not earlier than the first
24 calendar year for which the credit shown on the certificate would otherwise be allowed
25 to be applied against a tax;

26 (2) [REPEALED]

27 (3) REPEALED

28 (4)] the applicant does not have an outstanding liability to the state for
29 unpaid delinquent taxes under this title;

30 (3) [(5)] the applicant's total tax liability under AS 43.55.011(e), after
31 application of all available tax credits, for the calendar year in which the application is

1 made is zero;

2 (4) [(6)] the applicant's average daily production of oil and gas taxable
3 under AS 43.55.011(e) during the calendar year preceding the calendar year in which
4 the application is made was not more than 50,000 BTU equivalent barrels; and

5 (5) [(7)] the purchase is consistent with this section and regulations
6 adopted under this section.

7 * **Sec. 23.** AS 43.55.028(g) is amended to read:

8 (g) The department may adopt regulations to carry out the purposes of this
9 section, including standards and procedures to allocate available money among
10 applications for purchases under this chapter and claims for refunds under
11 AS 43.20.046 when the total amount of the applications for purchase and claims for
12 refund exceed the amount of available money in the fund. The regulations adopted by
13 the department may not, when allocating available money in the fund under this
14 section, distinguish an application for the purchase of a credit certificate issued under
15 former AS 43.55.023(m) or a claim for refund under AS 43.20.046.

16 * **Sec. 24.** AS 43.55.890 is amended to read:

17 **Sec. 43.55.890. Disclosure of tax information.** Notwithstanding any contrary
18 provision of AS 40.25.100, and regardless of whether the information is considered
19 under AS 43.05.230(e) to constitute statistics classified to prevent the identification of
20 particular returns or reports, the department may publish the following information
21 under this chapter, if aggregated among three or more producers or explorers,
22 showing, by month or calendar year and by lease or property, unit, or area of the state:

23 (1) the amount of oil or gas production;
24 (2) the amount of taxes levied under this chapter or paid under this
25 chapter;
26 (3) the effective tax rates under this chapter;
27 (4) the gross value of oil or gas at the point of production;
28 (5) the transportation costs for oil or gas;
29 (6) qualified capital expenditures, as defined in AS 43.55.023;
30 (7) exploration expenditures under AS 43.55.025;
31 (8) production tax values of oil or gas under AS 43.55.160;

(9) lease expenditures under AS 43.55.165;

(10) adjustments to lease expenditures under AS 43.55.170;

(11) tax credits applicable or potentially applicable against taxes levied

by this chapter; the information relating to tax credits under this paragraph, to the extent the information is available to the department, must include the statutory authority for each type of credit taken, the amount of credits taken under each statute authorizing a tax credit, and whether the credit is for an expenditure related to oil or gas exploration, development, or production, including the drilling of wells; performing work on existing wells; conducting geological or geophysical exploration; acquiring, constructing, or installing new facilities or equipment; and maintaining, repairing, or replacing existing facilities or equipment.

* **Sec. 25.** AS 43.56.160 is amended to read:

Sec. 43.56.160. Interest and penalty. When the tax levied by AS 43.56.010(a) is delinquent, a penalty of 10 percent shall be added. Interest on the delinquent exclusive of penalty, shall be assessed at the rate specified in AS 43.05.225(1) [TE OF EIGHT PERCENT A YEAR].

* **Sec. 26.** AS 43.77.020(d) is amended to read:

(d) A person subject to the tax under this chapter shall make quarterly payments of the tax estimated to be due for the year, as required under regulations adopted by the department. A taxpayer will be subject to an estimated tax penalty, determined by applying the interest rate specified in AS 43.05.225(1) [AS 43.05.225] to the underpayment for each quarter, unless the taxpayer makes estimated tax payments in equal installments that total either

(1) at least 90 percent of the taxpayer's tax liability under this chapter for the tax year; or

(2) at least 100 percent of the taxpayer's tax liability under this chapter for the prior tax year.

* **Sec. 27.** AS 43.90.430 is amended to read:

Sec. 43.90.430. Interest. When a payment due to the state under this chapter becomes delinquent, the payment bears interest at the rate applicable to a delinquent

1 tax under AS 43.05.225(1) [AS 43.05.225].

2 * **Sec. 28.** AS 43.55.023(m) is repealed.

3 * **Sec. 29.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
4 read:

5 APPLICABILITY. (a) Sections 10 - 12, 14, 16, and 28 of this Act apply to
6 expenditures incurred after December 31, 2010.

7 (b) Sections 6 - 8 of this Act apply to oil and gas produced after December 31, 2012.

8 (c) Sections 15 and 17 of this Act apply to expenditures incurred after December 31,
9 2020.

10 * **Sec. 30.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
11 read:

12 TRANSITION: REGULATIONS. The Department of Revenue may adopt regulations
13 to implement this Act. The regulations take effect under AS 44.62 (Administrative Procedure
14 Act), but not before the effective date of the provision of this Act implemented by the
15 regulation.

16 * **Sec. 31.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
17 read:

18 RETROACTIVITY. Sections 10 - 12, 14, 16, 22, 23, and 28 of this Act are retroactive
19 to January 1, 2011.

20 * **Sec. 32.** Section 24 of this Act takes effect January 1, 2012.

21 * **Sec. 33.** Sections 6 - 8 and 29(b) of this Act take effect January 1, 2013.

22 * **Sec. 34.** Sections 15, 17, and 29(c) of this Act take effect January 1, 2021.

23 * **Sec. 35.** Sections 10 - 12, 14, 16, 22, 23, 28, 29(a), and 31 of this Act take effect
24 immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).

25 * **Sec. 36.** Except as provided in secs. 32 - 35 of this Act, this Act takes effect July 1, 2011.