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Sectional House Bill 276 (version D)

- **Sec. 1.** Establishes the new frontier basin credits for seismic and drilling exploration.
- **Sec. 2.** Conforming amendment to add the new frontier basin credits to eligibility requirements under AS 43.55.025(b) and (c).
- **Sec. 3.** AS 43.55.025 is amended by adding new subsections:
 - (n) Describes the frontier basin drilling credits and their requirements.
 - (o) Describes the frontier basin seismic credits and their requirements.
 - (p) Lists the six areas within the State of Alaska that qualify for the frontier basin credits.
 - (q) Is designed to treat explorers and producers equally in the state contribution rate to a project. Section (q) ensures that the combination of an exploration credit under AS 43.55.025, plus deductibility against production tax cannot exceed 65% state participation except for the credits given for the "stampede" and "frontier" portions of AS 43.55.025 (l)(n) and (o).