

HOUSE BILL NO. 109

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

Introduced: 2/13/15

Referred: Resources, Labor and Commerce, Judiciary

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to the duties and powers of the attorney general with respect to certain
2 settlements directly related to oil and gas leases; providing exceptions for certain tax
3 and regulatory matters; and providing for an effective date."

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

5 * **Section 1.** AS 43.05.070 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

6 (c) AS 44.23.020(i) does not apply to the approval of the attorney general
7 under (a) and (b) of this section.

8 * **Sec. 2.** AS 44.23.020(d) is amended to read:

9 (d) Except as provided in (i) of this section, the [THE] attorney general
10 may, subject to the power of the legislature to enact laws and make appropriations,
11 settle actions, cases, and offenses under (b) of this section.

12 * **Sec. 3.** AS 44.23.020 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

13 (i) Before finalizing a settlement on a civil action directly related to an oil and
14 gas lease under AS 38.05.005 - 38.05.990 (Alaska Land Act), the attorney general

1 shall determine that the settlement

2 (1) is limited to issues necessary to settle the action;

3 (2) does not include matters unrelated to the action; and

4 (3) does not alter constitutional, statutory, or regulatory procedures
5 required by law.

6 (j) Subsection (i) of this section does not apply to matters under (e) of this
7 section, or to matters related to an oil and gas pipeline or a products pipeline under the
8 jurisdiction of the Regulatory Commission of Alaska or another regulatory agency.

9 (k) For the purpose of this section, "oil and gas lease" has the meaning given
10 in AS 43.55.900.

11 * **Sec. 4.** The uncoded law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
12 read:

13 APPLICABILITY. AS 44.23.020(d), as amended by sec. 2 of this Act, and
14 AS 44.23.020(i), added by sec. 3 of this Act, apply to settlements entered into by the attorney
15 general on or after the effective date of this Act.

16 * **Sec. 5.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).