

# Alaska State Legislature

## Conference Committee on House Bill 111

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- Section 1      Amends AS 31.05.030(n), *Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Act, Powers and duties of commission.*  
Conforming to the Sec. 27 requirement that the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission determine the start of regular production for purposes of applying a carry-forward annual loss. Effective Jan. 1, 2018.
- Section 2      Amends AS 43.05.225, *Administration of Revenue Laws, Interest.*  
For all delinquent taxes under the Department of Revenue, interest is 5.25 points above the annual rate set by the 12<sup>th</sup> Federal Reserve District, compounded quarterly, and is applied the entire time a tax is delinquent. Effective Jan. 1, 2018.
- Section 3      Amends AS 43.20.044(a), *Alaska Net Income Tax Act, Exploration incentive credit.*  
A taxpayer that earns an exploration credit under AS 43.55.025 for work done after July 1, 2016, may apply the credit against the taxpayer's own corporate income tax. Effective immediately.
- Section 4      Amends AS 43.20.047(h), *Alaska Net Income Tax Act, Liquefied natural gas storage facility tax credit.*  
Conforming to the future repeal of the Oil and Gas Tax Credit Fund and conforming repeals. Effective the later of Jan. 1, 2022, or when there are no outstanding applications for credit refunds.
- Section 5      Amends AS 43.55.023(c), *Oil and Gas Production Tax, Tax credits for certain losses and expenditures.*  
Credits earned under this section may be applied against prior-year taxes, interest, penalties or fees related to the oil and gas production tax, providing those liabilities have not been subject to an administrative proceeding or litigation. Credits may not be used against conservation surcharges or the private royalty tax. Effective immediately.
- Section 6      Amends AS 43.55.023(d), *Oil and Gas Production Tax, Tax credits for certain losses and expenditures.*  
Cash payments for credits under this section are available only for lease expenditures incurred before July 1, 2017. Effective immediately retroactive to July 1, 2017.

- Section 7 Amends AS 43.55.023(d), *Oil and Gas Production Tax, Tax credits for certain losses and expenditures*, as amended by Sec. 6.
- Conforming to the future repeal in Sec. 30 of the Oil and Gas Tax Credit Fund. Effective the later of Jan. 1, 2022, or when there are no outstanding applications for credit refunds.
- Section 8 Amends AS 43.55.023(e), *Oil and Gas Production Tax, Tax credits for certain losses and expenditures*.
- Transferrable tax credit certificates issued under this section may be applied against prior-year taxes, interest, penalties or fees related to the oil and gas production tax, providing those liabilities have not been subject to an administrative proceeding or litigation. Credits may not be used against conservation surcharges or the private royalty tax. Effective immediately.
- Section 9 Amends AS 43.55.023(g), *Oil and Gas Production Tax, Tax credits for certain losses and expenditures*.
- Conforming to the future repeal in Sec. 30 of the Oil and Gas Tax Credit Fund. Effective the later of Jan. 1, 2022, or when there are no outstanding applications for credit refunds.
- Section 10 Amends AS 43.55.025(a), *Oil and Gas Production Tax, Alternative tax credit for oil and gas exploration*.
- Credits under this section for work done on or after July 1, 2016, may be applied against corporate income taxes. Effective immediately.
- Section 11 Amends AS 43.55.025(a), *Oil and Gas Production Tax, Alternative tax credit for oil and gas exploration*, as amended by Sec. 10.
- Conforming to the sunset of the AS 43.55.025(a)(4) credit after Jan. 1, 2018, in Sec. 10. Effective Jan. 1, 2018.
- Section 12 Amends AS 43.55.025(b), *Oil and Gas Production Tax, Alternative tax credit for oil and gas exploration*.
- The 40% credit for seismic work under AS 43.55.025(a)(4) will not be available for work done after Jan. 1, 2018. Effective Jan. 1, 2018.
- Section 13 Amends AS 43.55.025(f), *Oil and Gas Production Tax, Alternative tax credit for oil and gas exploration*.
- Exploration credits under AS 43.55.025 for work done after July 1, 2016, against corporate income taxes. Effective immediately.
- Section 14 Amends AS 43.55.025(g), *Oil and Gas Production Tax, Alternative tax credit for oil and gas exploration*.
- Exploration tax credits under this section that are transferred to another taxpayer may not be applied against the purchaser's corporate income taxes. Effective immediately.

- Section 15 Amends AS 43.55.025(h), *Oil and Gas Production Tax, Alternative tax credit for oil and gas exploration*.  
Tax credit certificates and tax credits under this section may be applied against prior-year taxes, interest, penalties or fees related to the oil and gas production tax, providing those liabilities have not been subject to an administrative proceeding or litigation. Credits may not be used against conservation surcharges or the private royalty tax. Effective immediately.
- Section 16 Amends AS 43.55.025(i), *Oil and Gas Production Tax, Alternative tax credit for oil and gas exploration*.  
Exploration credits issued under this section for work done after July 1, 2016, may be used against corporate income tax, but may not be used to reduce corporate income taxes below zero. Effective immediately.
- Section 17 Amends AS 43.55.025(k), *Oil and Gas Production Tax, Alternative tax credit for oil and gas exploration*.
- Section 18 Conforming to the sunset of the seismic credit in Sec. 12. Effective Jan. 1, 2018.  
Adds a new subsection to AS 43.55.025, *Oil and Gas Production Tax, Alternative tax credit for oil and gas exploration*.  
Creates a conditional tax credit certificate that the Department of Revenue must issue to explorers. The conditional certificate enables the holder to submit an application for a refund while waiting for the state to issue a transferrable certificate, but the conditional certificates may not be purchased by the state. Effective immediately retroactive to July 1, 2017.
- Section 19 Amends AS 43.55.028(a), *Oil and Gas Production Tax, Oil and gas tax credit fund established; cash purchase of tax credit certificates*.  
The tax credit fund is only able to purchase oil and gas tax credits issued for work done before July 1, 2017, and to purchase instate refinery and LNG storage facility income tax credits. Effective immediately retroactive to July 1, 2017.
- Section 20 Amends AS 43.55.028(e), *Oil and Gas Production Tax, Oil and gas tax credit fund established; cash purchase of tax credit certificates*.  
Allows the Department of Revenue to accept, but not purchase, a conditional certificate from an explorer. Effective immediately retroactive to July 1, 2017.
- Section 21 Amends AS 43.55.029(a), *Oil and Gas Production Tax, Assignment of tax credit certificate*.  
Conforming to the Sec. 29 repeal of the net operating loss credit. Effective Jan. 1, 2018.
- Section 22 Amends AS 43.55.160(d), *Oil and Gas Production Tax, Determination of production tax value of oil and gas*.  
Conforming to the Sec. 29 repeal of the net operating loss credit. Effective Jan. 1 2018.

- Section 23 Amends AS 43.55.160(e), *Oil and Gas Production Tax, Determination of production tax value of oil and gas*.  
North Slope and Middle Earth lease expenditures may be used to establish a carried-forward annual loss. Gross value reductions for new oil cannot make a loss larger than it would otherwise be. Also, makes conforming changes to the Sec. 29 repeal of the net operating loss credit and the Sec. 24 terms for lease expenditures. Effective Jan. 1, 2018.
- Section 24 Amends AS 43.55.165(a), *Oil and Gas Production Tax, Lease expenditures*.  
Lease expenditures include those, for the North Slope and Middle Earth, that were unable to be deducted in the previous year. Effective Jan. 1, 2018.
- Section 25 Amends AS 43.55.165(f), *Oil and Gas Production Tax, Lease expenditures*.  
Conforming to the Sec. 29 repeal of the net operating loss credit. Effective Jan. 1, 2018.
- Section 26 Adds a new paragraph to AS 43.55.165(l), *Oil and Gas Production Tax, Lease expenditures*.  
Defines “carried-forward annual loss” as a loss established per Sec. 23. Effective Jan. 1, 2018.
- Section 27 Adds new subsections to AS 43.55.165, *Oil and Gas Production Tax, Lease expenditures*.  
Implements new terms for how a carried-forward annual loss is applied. A taxpayer may choose to apply all or some of its loss, or to carry it forward. In applying carry-forward annual losses, a producer subject to the minimum tax may apply the amount that would reduce taxes to the equal amount under the minimum tax (before the application of any other credits), and not to zero. Carry-forward annual losses in excess of the amount applied to reduce taxes to the equal of the minimum tax are carried forward. Carry-forward annual losses may be applied only once production starts from the property on which they were incurred; at that time, the losses may be applied against a taxpayer’s entire segment (ie, North Slope or Middle Earth). Effective Jan. 1, 2018.
- Section 28 Amends AS 43.55.170(c), *Oil and Gas Production Tax, Adjustments to lease expenditures*.  
Conforming to the Sec. 29 repeal of the net operating loss credit. Effective Jan. 1, 2018.
- Section 29 Repealer  
Repeals the net operating loss credit, AS 43.55.023(b), on Jan. 1, 2018.
- Section 30 Repealer  
At the later of Jan. 1, 2022, or when all outstanding applications for credit refunds have been paid, repeals the Oil and Gas Tax Credit Fund and AS 43.55.028; assignability of credits to third parties, AS 43.55.029; and makes conforming

repeals in sections of statute referencing the fund: AS 43.05.230(1), *Administration of Revenue Laws, Disclosure of tax returns and reports*, annual disclosure of disbursements from the fund; AS 43.20.046(e), *Alaska Net Income Tax Act, Gas storage facility tax credit*, use of fund to pay the credit; AS 43.20.047(e), *Alaska Net Income Tax Act, Liquefied natural gas storage facility tax credit*, use of fund to pay the credit; and AS 43.20.053(e), *Alaska Net Income Tax Act, Qualified in-state oil refinery infrastructure expenditures tax credit*, use of fund to pay the credit.

- Section 31      Legislative Working Group  
Adds a new section to uncodified law establishing a Legislative Working Group to analyze the state's oil and gas fiscal regime and recommend changes to the Second Session of the 30<sup>th</sup> Alaska State Legislature. Articulates specific points for the working group to analyze, specifies membership, and provides support by the legislature's consultants now under contract. Effective immediately.
- Section 32      Applicability  
Credits under AS 43.55.025 may be applied against corporate income taxes by the company that incurred the credits, regardless of when the credits were earned. Effective immediately.
- Section 33      Applicability  
Credits may be applied against prior year oil and gas tax liabilities, regardless of when the credits were earned. Effective immediately.
- Section 34      Applicability  
The new provisions related to lease expenditures apply to lease expenditures incurred on or after Jan. 1, 2018. Effective Jan. 1, 2018.
- Section 35      Transition language  
Interest rates charged on delinquent taxes for calendar year 2017 are the rates in statute before the changes in Sec. 2 take effect on Jan. 1, 2018. Effective Jan. 1, 2018.
- Section 36      Transition language  
Ensures the public disclosure of tax credit refund recipients is made on April 30 of the year following the year in which the Oil and Gas Tax Credit Fund is repealed, as the public disclosure is also repealed to conform. Effective the later of Jan. 1, 2022, or when there are no outstanding applications for credit refunds.
- Section 37      Transition language  
Taxpayers who incur a loss before Jan. 1, 2018, remain eligible for the net operating loss credit in current statute that is repealed as of Jan. 1, 2018. Effective immediately.

- Section 38 Transition language  
Taxpayers who incur a loss before the Jan. 1, 2018 repeal of the net operating loss credit may apply for a net operating loss credit. Effective Jan. 1, 2018.
- Section 39 Transition language  
When the Oil and Gas Tax Credit Fund is repealed after outstanding applications have been paid, any balance of the fund lapses into the general fund. Effective the later of Jan. 1, 2022, or when there are no outstanding applications for refunds.
- Section 40 Transition language  
Dept. of Revenue may adopt regulations retroactively. Effective immediately.
- Section 41 Retroactivity  
Sections related to the eligibility of credits for cash refunds are retroactive to July 1, 2017. Effective immediately.
- Section 42 Conditional effect, notification language. Effective immediately.  
Sections related to the repeal of the Oil and Gas Tax Credit Fund take effect only after the Commissioner of Revenue notifies the revisors when there are no outstanding applications for the purchase of tax credits, and it has been at least one year since an application has been received. Effective immediately.
- Section 43 Effective date  
Sets an immediate effective date for sections related to the ability to use Middle Earth exploration credits against the company's own corporate income tax liability, and to use credits against prior year tax liabilities that have not been subject to an administrative proceeding or to litigation. Also, sets an immediate effective date for sections retroactively changing the eligibility for cash credits.
- Section 44 Effective date  
Sets a Jan. 1, 2018, effective date for Section 24, which is treated separately because it makes changes to a section of statute that is undergoing other changes this year based on House Bill 247 of 2016.
- Section 45 Effective date  
Sets an effective date of the later of Jan. 1, 2022, or Jan. 1 of the year in which notice is provided that all outstanding applicants for credit purchases have been paid, for the repeal of the Oil and Gas Tax Credit Fund and conforming sections.
- Section 46 Effective date  
Sets a Jan. 1, 2018 effective date for all other sections.