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**Senate Bill 208 Agricultural Land Leases**  
**Explanation of Changes Version G to H**  
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**Adds new Sections 1 – 5**, creating an optional merit-based process for sales of state land for agricultural purposes in AS 38.05.059 and makes conforming changes to affected statutes.

**Amends Sections 6 – 9 (Sections 1 – 4 of Ver G)**, making changes to the new leasing program that reflect stakeholder feedback. This includes clarifying the information required from applicants, allowing the Department of Natural resources to reject any application that isn't in the best interest of the state, allowing activities such as building housing and clearing timber rather than designating them as "agricultural purpose," and requiring regular inspections of leased land.

**Adds new Sections 10 – 11**, establishing civil penalty authority for the Department of Natural Resources to enforce agricultural covenants in AS 38.05.32(k) and makes conforming changes to affected statutes.

**Adds new Sections 12 and 13**, to create an immediate effective date for the Department to draft regulations implementing SB 208.

**Renumbers Section 14 (Section 5 in Ver G)**, making the provisions in the bill effective on January 1, 2027.