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CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 111(RES)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Offered: Referred:

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Sponsor(s): HOUSE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

"An Act relating to the oil and gas production tax, tax payments, and credits; relating to interest applicable to delinquent oil and gas production tax; relating to lease expenditures; relating to information concerning oil and gas taxes and tax credits, including information about expenditures that must be provided to claim an oil and gas production tax credit for those expenditures; relating to the disclosure of that information to the public or a member of the legislature; relating to a legislative working group; and providing for an effective date."

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

* **Section 1.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to read:

LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the legislature to, contingent on the passage of a fiscal plan, purchase a substantial portion of outstanding transferable and production tax credit certificates issued before the effective date of this Act under AS 43.55.

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* **Sec. 2.** AS 43.05.225 is amended to read:

Sec. 43.05.225. Interest. Unless otherwise provided,

(1) a delinquent tax

- (A) under this title, before January 1, 2014, bears interest in each calendar quarter at the rate of five percentage points above the annual rate charged member banks for advances by the 12th Federal Reserve District as of the first day of that calendar quarter, or at the annual rate of 11 percent, whichever is greater, compounded quarterly as of the last day of that quarter;
- (B) under this title, on and after January 1, 2014, except as provided in (C) of this paragraph, bears interest in each calendar quarter at the rate of three percentage points above the annual rate charged member banks for advances by the 12th Federal Reserve District as of the first day of that calendar quarter;
 - (C) under AS 43.55, on and after January 1, 2017,
 - [(i) FOR THE FIRST THREE YEARS AFTER A TAX BECOMES DELINQUENT,] bears interest in each calendar quarter at the rate of seven percentage points above the annual rate charged member banks for advances by the 12th Federal Reserve District as of the first day of that calendar quarter, compounded quarterly as of the last day of that quarter; [AND

(ii) AFTER THE FIRST THREE YEARS AFTER A TAX BECOMES DELINQUENT, DOES NOT BEAR INTEREST;]

- (2) the interest rate is 12 percent a year for
 - (A) delinquent fees payable under AS 05.15.095(c); and
- (B) unclaimed property that is not timely paid or delivered, as allowed by AS 34.45.470(a).

* **Sec. 3.** AS 43.05.230(a) is amended to read:

- (a) It is unlawful for a current or former officer, employee, or agent of the state to divulge the amount of income or the particulars set out or disclosed in a report or return made under this title, except
 - (1) in connection with official investigations or proceedings of the

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department, whether judicial or administrative, involving taxes due under this title;

- (2) in connection with official investigations or proceedings of the child support enforcement agency, whether judicial or administrative, involving child support obligations imposed or imposable under AS 25 or AS 47;
- (3) as provided in AS 38.05.036 pertaining to audit functions of the Department of Natural Resources;
 - (4) as provided in AS 43.05.405 43.05.499; and
- (5) as otherwise provided in this section, AS 43.55.030(g), 43.55.165(n), or 43.55.890 [OR AS 43.55.890].
- * **Sec. 4.** AS 43.05.230(*l*) is amended to read:
 - (*l*) The [FOR TAX CREDIT CERTIFICATES PURCHASED BY THE DEPARTMENT IN THE PRECEDING CALENDAR YEAR UNDER AS 43.55.028, THE] department shall make the following information public by April 30 of each year:
 - (1) <u>for tax credit certificates issued or purchased by the department in the preceding calendar year under AS 43.55.028:</u>
 - (A) the name of each person to which a transferable tax certificate was issued or from which the department purchased a transferable tax credit certificate; and
 - (B) [(2)] the aggregate amount of the tax credit certificates purchased from the person in the preceding calendar year:
 - (C) the aggregate amount of the tax credit certificates issued to the person in the preceding calendar year; and
 - (2) unless otherwise prohibited by law, information submitted during the previous calendar year under AS 43.55.030(a)(10) and (e)(3).
- * Sec. 5. AS 43.05.230 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:
 - (m) The department may disclose confidential tax information, documents, or other materials related to a credit for oil and gas investment, exploration, production, delivery, storage, or use against a tax imposed under AS 43.20 or AS 43.55 to a legislator, an agent of a legislator or a legislative committee, or a contractor of a legislator or a legislative committee if

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- (2) only legislators, agents, and contractors complying with the remainder of this subsection are in attendance at the committee meeting;
- (3) written information, documents, or other materials are clearly labeled as confidential tax information;
- (4) the legislator, agent, or contractor has executed an agreement with the department
 - (A) that acknowledges that tax information, documents, and materials received under this subsection are confidential by law;
 - (B) that acknowledges that it is illegal to publicly disclose confidential tax information, documents, or materials received under this subsection unless the information is otherwise publicly available; and
 - (C) in which the legislator, agent, or contractor agrees not to
 - (i) disclose the information received during the meeting or the contents of documents or materials viewed during a committee meeting under this section; and
 - (ii) remove any written information, documents, or materials from the physical location of the committee meeting.

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

- (f) The levy of tax under (e) of this section for
- (1) oil and gas produced before <u>January 1</u>, <u>2018</u> [JANUARY 1, 2022], from leases or properties that include land north of 68 degrees North latitude, other than gas subject to (o) of this section, may not be less than
 - (A) four percent of the gross value at the point of production when the average price per barrel for Alaska North Slope crude oil for sale on the United States West Coast during the calendar year for which the tax is due is more than \$25:
 - (B) three percent of the gross value at the point of production when the average price per barrel for Alaska North Slope crude oil for sale on

the United States West Coast during the calendar year for which the tax is due is over \$20 but not over \$25;

- (C) two percent of the gross value at the point of production when the average price per barrel for Alaska North Slope crude oil for sale on the United States West Coast during the calendar year for which the tax is due is over \$17.50 but not over \$20;
- (D) one percent of the gross value at the point of production when the average price per barrel for Alaska North Slope crude oil for sale on the United States West Coast during the calendar year for which the tax is due is over \$15 but not over \$17.50; or
- (E) zero percent of the gross value at the point of production when the average price per barrel for Alaska North Slope crude oil for sale on the United States West Coast during the calendar year for which the tax is due is \$15 or less; [AND]
- (2) <u>gas</u> [OIL] produced on and after <u>January 1</u>, <u>2018</u>, <u>and before</u> January 1, 2022, from leases or properties that include land north of 68 degrees North latitude, <u>other than gas subject to (o) of this section</u>, may not be less than
 - (A) four percent of the gross value at the point of production when the average price per barrel for Alaska North Slope crude oil for sale on the United States West Coast during the calendar year for which the tax is due is <u>less</u> [MORE] than <u>\$50</u>; or [\$25;]
 - (B) <u>five</u> [THREE] percent of the gross value at the point of production when the average price per barrel for Alaska North Slope crude oil for sale on the United States West Coast during the calendar year for which the tax is due is <u>\$50 or more</u>; and
- (3) oil produced on and after January 1, 2018, from leases or properties that include land north of 68 degrees North latitude may not be less than
 - (A) four percent of the gross value at the point of production when the average price per barrel for Alaska North Slope crude oil for sale on the United States West Coast during the calendar

year for which the tax is due is less than \$50; or

- (B) five percent of the gross value at the point of production when the average price per barrel for Alaska North Slope crude oil for sale on the United States West Coast during the calendar year for which the tax is due is \$50 or more [OVER \$20 BUT NOT OVER \$25;
- (C) TWO PERCENT OF THE GROSS VALUE AT THE POINT OF PRODUCTION WHEN THE AVERAGE PRICE PER BARREL FOR ALASKA NORTH SLOPE CRUDE OIL FOR SALE ON THE UNITED STATES WEST COAST DURING THE CALENDAR YEAR FOR WHICH THE TAX IS DUE IS OVER \$17.50 BUT NOT OVER \$20;
- (D) ONE PERCENT OF THE GROSS VALUE AT THE POINT OF PRODUCTION WHEN THE AVERAGE PRICE PER BARREL FOR ALASKA NORTH SLOPE CRUDE OIL FOR SALE ON THE UNITED STATES WEST COAST DURING THE CALENDAR YEAR FOR WHICH THE TAX IS DUE IS OVER \$15 BUT NOT OVER \$17.50; OR
- (E) ZERO PERCENT OF THE GROSS VALUE AT THE POINT OF PRODUCTION WHEN THE AVERAGE PRICE PER BARREL FOR ALASKA NORTH SLOPE CRUDE OIL FOR SALE ON THE UNITED STATES WEST COAST DURING THE CALENDAR YEAR FOR WHICH THE TAX IS DUE IS \$15 OR LESS].
- * Sec. 7. AS 43.55.011 is amended by adding new subsections to read:
 - (q) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a credit under this chapter may not be applied to reduce the tax determined under (f) of this section. A credit under AS 43.55.024(i) may reduce the tax determined under (f) of this section, but not below
 - (1) for gas produced on and after January 1, 2018, and before January 1, 2022,
 - (A) four percent of the adjusted gross value at the point of production when the average price per barrel for Alaska North Slope crude oil for sale on the United States West Coast during the calendar year for which the tax is due is less than \$50; or

- (B) five percent of the adjusted gross value at the point of production when the average price per barrel for Alaska North Slope crude oil for sale on the United States West Coast during the calendar year for which the tax is due is \$50 or more;
 - (2) for oil produced on and after January 1, 2018,

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- (A) four percent of the adjusted gross value at the point of production when the average price per barrel for Alaska North Slope crude oil for sale on the United States West Coast during the calendar year for which the tax is due is less than \$50; or
- (B) five percent of the adjusted gross value at the point of production when the average price per barrel for Alaska North Slope crude oil for sale on the United States West Coast during the calendar year for which the tax is due is \$50 or more.
- (r) The total amount of tax credits received under AS 43.55.024(i) or (j) that a producer applies against the tax levied by this section for a calendar year may not exceed the sum of the amount of the tax credits or fractions of tax credits that are allowed under AS 43.55.020(a) to be subtracted in calculating the installment payments of estimated tax for each month for that producer in the calendar year.
- (s) In (q) of this section, "adjusted gross value at the point of production" means the gross value at the point of production less a reduction from the gross value at the point of production under AS 43.55.160(f) or 43.55.160(f) and (g).
- * **Sec. 8.** AS 43.55.020(a) is amended to read:
 - (a) For a calendar year, a producer subject to tax under AS 43.55.011 shall pay the tax as follows:
 - (1) for oil and gas produced before January 1, 2014, an installment payment of the estimated tax levied by AS 43.55.011(e), net of any tax credits applied as allowed by law, is due for each month of the calendar year on the last day of the following month; except as otherwise provided under (2) of this subsection, the amount of the installment payment is the sum of the following amounts, less 1/12 of the tax credits that are allowed by law to be applied against the tax levied by AS 43.55.011(e) for the calendar year, but the amount of the installment payment may

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not be less than zero:

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

(i) zero; or

- (ii) the sum of 25 percent and the tax rate calculated for the month under AS 43.55.011(g) multiplied by the remainder obtained by subtracting 1/12 of the producer's adjusted lease expenditures for the calendar year of production under AS 43.55.165 and 43.55.170 that are deductible for the oil and gas under AS 43.55.160 from the gross value at the point of production of the oil and gas produced from the leases or properties during the month for which the installment payment is calculated;
- (B) for oil and gas produced from leases or properties subject to AS 43.55.011(f), the greatest of

(i) zero;

- (ii) zero percent, one percent, two percent, three percent, or four percent, as applicable, of the gross value at the point of production of the oil and gas produced from the leases or properties during the month for which the installment payment is calculated; or
- (iii) the sum of 25 percent and the tax rate calculated for the month under AS 43.55.011(g) multiplied by the remainder obtained by subtracting 1/12 of the producer's adjusted lease expenditures for the calendar year of production under AS 43.55.165 and 43.55.170 that are deductible for the oil and gas under AS 43.55.160 from the gross value at the point of production of the oil and gas produced from those leases or properties during the month for which the installment payment is calculated;
- (C) for oil or gas subject to AS 43.55.011(j), (k), or (o), for each lease or property, the greater of

(i) zero; or

(ii) the sum of 25 percent and the tax rate calculated for the month under AS 43.55.011(g) multiplied by the remainder obtained by subtracting 1/12 of the producer's adjusted lease expenditures for the calendar year of production under AS 43.55.165 and 43.55.170 that are deductible under AS 43.55.160 for the oil or gas, respectively, produced from the lease or property from the gross value at the point of production of the oil or gas, respectively, produced from the lease or property during the month for which the installment payment is calculated;

(D) for oil and gas subject to AS 43.55.011(p), the lesser of

- (i) the sum of 25 percent and the tax rate calculated for the month under AS 43.55.011(g) multiplied by the remainder obtained by subtracting 1/12 of the producer's adjusted lease expenditures for the calendar year of production under AS 43.55.165 and 43.55.170 that are deductible for the oil and gas under AS 43.55.160 from the gross value at the point of production of the oil and gas produced from the leases or properties during the month for which the installment payment is calculated, but not less than zero; or
- (ii) four percent of the gross value at the point of production of the oil and gas produced from the leases or properties during the month, but not less than zero;
- (2) an amount calculated under (1)(C) of this subsection for oil or gas subject to AS 43.55.011(j), (k), or (o) may not exceed the product obtained by carrying out the calculation set out in AS 43.55.011(j)(1) or (2) or 43.55.011(o), as applicable, for gas or set out in AS 43.55.011(k) for oil, but substituting in AS 43.55.011(j)(1)(A) or (2)(A) or 43.55.011(o), as applicable, the amount of taxable gas produced during the month for the amount of taxable gas produced during the calendar year and substituting in AS 43.55.011(k) the amount of taxable oil produced during the month for the amount of taxable oil produced during the calendar year;
 - (3) an installment payment of the estimated tax levied by

AS 43.55.011(i) for each lease or property is due for each month of the calendar year 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, 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;
- (5) for oil and gas produced on and after January 1, 2014, and before January 1, 2022, an installment payment of the estimated tax levied by AS 43.55.011(e), net of any tax credits applied as allowed by law, is due for each month of the calendar year on the last day of the following month; except as otherwise provided under (6) of this subsection, the amount of the installment payment is the sum of the following amounts, less 1/12 of the tax credits that are allowed by law to be applied against the tax levied by AS 43.55.011(e) for the calendar year, but the amount of the installment payment may not be less than zero:
 - (A) for oil and gas not subject to AS 43.55.011(o) or (p) produced from leases or properties in the state outside the Cook Inlet sedimentary basin, other than leases or properties subject to AS 43.55.011(f), the greater of
 - (i) zero; or
 - (ii) 35 percent multiplied by the remainder obtained by subtracting 1/12 of the producer's adjusted lease expenditures for the calendar year of production under AS 43.55.165 and 43.55.170 that are

deductible for the oil and gas under AS 43.55.160 from the gross value at the point of production of the oil and gas produced from the leases or properties during the month for which the installment payment is calculated;

- (B) for oil and gas produced from leases or properties subject to AS 43.55.011(f), the greatest of
 - (i) zero;
 - (ii) the percentage applicable under AS 43.55.011(f) [ZERO PERCENT, ONE PERCENT, TWO PERCENT, THREE PERCENT, OR FOUR PERCENT, AS APPLICABLE,] of the gross value at the point of production of the oil and gas produced from the leases or properties during the month for which the installment payment is calculated; or
 - (iii) 35 percent multiplied by the remainder obtained by subtracting 1/12 of the producer's adjusted lease expenditures for the calendar year of production under AS 43.55.165 and 43.55.170 that are deductible for the oil and gas under AS 43.55.160 from the gross value at the point of production of the oil and gas produced from those leases or properties during the month for which the installment payment is calculated, except that, for the purposes of this calculation, a reduction from the gross value at the point of production may apply for oil and gas subject to AS 43.55.160(f) or (g);
- (C) for oil or gas subject to AS 43.55.011(j), (k), or (o), for each lease or property, the greater of
 - (i) zero; or
 - (ii) 35 percent multiplied by the remainder obtained by subtracting 1/12 of the producer's adjusted lease expenditures for the calendar year of production under AS 43.55.165 and 43.55.170 that are deductible under AS 43.55.160 for the oil or gas, respectively, produced from the lease or property from the gross value at the point of production of the oil or gas, respectively, produced from the lease or

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(D) for oil and gas subject to AS 43.55.011(p), the lesser of

- (i) 35 percent multiplied by the remainder obtained by subtracting 1/12 of the producer's adjusted lease expenditures for the calendar year of production under AS 43.55.165 and 43.55.170 that are deductible for the oil and gas under AS 43.55.160 from the gross value at the point of production of the oil and gas produced from the leases or properties during the month for which the installment payment is calculated, but not less than zero; or
- (ii) four percent of the gross value at the point of production of the oil and gas produced from the leases or properties during the month, but not less than zero;
- (6) an amount calculated under (5)(C) of this subsection for oil or gas subject to AS 43.55.011(j), (k), or (o) may not exceed the product obtained by carrying out the calculation set out in AS 43.55.011(j)(1) or (2) or 43.55.011(o), as applicable, for gas or set out in AS 43.55.011(k) for oil, but substituting in AS 43.55.011(j)(1)(A) or (2)(A) or 43.55.011(o), as applicable, the amount of taxable gas produced during the month for the amount of taxable gas produced during the calendar year and substituting in AS 43.55.011(k) the amount of taxable oil produced during the month for the amount of taxable oil produced during the calendar year;
- (7) for oil and gas produced on or after January 1, 2022, an installment payment of the estimated tax levied by AS 43.55.011(e), net of any tax credits applied as allowed by law, is due for each month of the calendar year on the last day of the following month; except as otherwise provided under (10) of this subsection, the amount of the installment payment is the sum of the following amounts, less 1/12 of the tax credits that are allowed by law to be applied against the tax levied by AS 43.55.011(e) for the calendar year, but the amount of the installment payment may not be less than zero:
 - for oil produced from leases or properties subject to AS 43.55.011(f), the greatest of

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(ii) the percentage applicable under AS 43.55.011(f) [ZERO PERCENT, ONE PERCENT, TWO PERCENT, THREE PERCENT, OR FOUR PERCENT, AS APPLICABLE,] of the gross value at the point of production of the oil produced from the leases or properties during the month for which the installment payment is calculated; or

(iii) 35 percent multiplied by the remainder obtained by subtracting 1/12 of the producer's adjusted lease expenditures for the calendar year of production under AS 43.55.165 and 43.55.170 that are deductible for the oil under AS 43.55.160(h)(1) from the gross value at the point of production of the oil produced from those leases or properties during the month for which the installment payment is calculated, except that, for the purposes of this calculation, a reduction from the gross value at the point of production may apply for oil subject to AS 43.55.160(f) or 43.55.160(f) and (g);

(B) for oil produced before or during the last calendar year under AS 43.55.024(b) for which the producer could take a tax credit under AS 43.55.024(a), from leases or properties in the state outside the Cook Inlet sedimentary basin, no part of which is north of 68 degrees North latitude, other than leases or properties subject to AS 43.55.011(o) or (p), the greater of

(i) zero; or

(ii) 35 percent multiplied by the remainder obtained by subtracting 1/12 of the producer's adjusted lease expenditures for the calendar year of production under AS 43.55.165 and 43.55.170 that are deductible for the oil under AS 43.55.160(h)(2) from the gross value at the point of production of the oil produced from the leases or properties during the month for which the installment payment is calculated;

(C) for oil and gas produced from leases or properties subject to AS 43.55.011(p), except as otherwise provided under (8) of this subsection, the sum of

(i) 35 percent multiplied by the remainder obtained by subtracting 1/12 of the producer's adjusted lease expenditures for the calendar year of production under AS 43.55.165 and 43.55.170 that are deductible for the oil under AS 43.55.160(h)(3) from the gross value at the point of production of the oil produced from the leases or properties during the month for which the installment payment is calculated, but not less than zero; and

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- (ii) 13 percent of the gross value at the point of production of the gas produced from the leases or properties during the month, but not less than zero;
- (D) for oil produced from leases or properties in the state, no part of which is north of 68 degrees North latitude, other than leases or properties subject to (B), (C), or (F) of this paragraph, the greater of
 - (i) zero; or
 - (ii) 35 percent multiplied by the remainder obtained by subtracting 1/12 of the producer's adjusted lease expenditures for the calendar year of production under AS 43.55.165 and 43.55.170 that are deductible for the oil under AS 43.55.160(h)(4) from the gross value at the point of production of the oil produced from the leases or properties during the month for which the installment payment is calculated;
- (E) for gas produced from each lease or property in the state outside the Cook Inlet sedimentary basin, other than a lease or property subject to AS 43.55.011(o) or (p), 13 percent of the gross value at the point of production of the gas produced from the lease or property during the month for which the installment payment is calculated, but not less than zero;
- (F) for oil subject to AS 43.55.011(k), for each lease or property, the greater of
 - (i) zero; or
 - (ii) 35 percent multiplied by the remainder obtained by subtracting 1/12 of the producer's adjusted lease expenditures for the calendar year of production under AS 43.55.165 and 43.55.170 that are

deductible under AS 43.55.160 for the oil produced from the lease or property from the gross value at the point of production of the oil produced from the lease or property during the month for which the installment payment is calculated;

(G) for gas subject to AS 43.55.011(j) or (o), for each lease or property, the greater of

(i) zero; or

- (ii) 13 percent of the gross value at the point of production of the gas produced from the lease or property during the month for which the installment payment is calculated;
- (8) an amount calculated under (7)(C) of this subsection may not exceed four percent of the gross value at the point of production of the oil and gas produced from leases or properties subject to AS 43.55.011(p) during the month for which the installment payment is calculated;
- (9) for purposes of the calculation under (1)(B)(ii), (5)(B)(ii), and (7)(A)(ii) of this subsection, the applicable percentage of the gross value at the point of production is determined under AS 43.55.011(f)(1) or (2) but substituting the phrase "month for which the installment payment is calculated" in AS 43.55.011(f)(1) and (2) for the phrase "calendar year for which the tax is due";
- (10) an amount calculated under (7)(F) or (G) of this subsection for oil or gas subject to AS 43.55.011(j), (k), or (o) may not exceed the product obtained by carrying out the calculation set out in AS 43.55.011(j)(1) or (2) or 43.55.011(o), as applicable, for gas, or set out in AS 43.55.011(k) for oil, but substituting in AS 43.55.011(j)(1)(A) or (2)(A) or 43.55.011(o), as applicable, the amount of taxable gas produced during the month for the amount of taxable gas produced during the calendar year and substituting in AS 43.55.011(k) the amount of taxable oil produced during the month for the amount of taxable oil produced during the calendar year:
- (11) for purposes of the calculation under (5)(B)(ii) or (7)(A)(ii) of this subsection, a credit under this chapter may not be applied to reduce an installment payment to less than the amount calculated using the applicable percentage under AS 43.55.011(f) or (q).

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* **Sec. 9.** AS 43.55.023(b) is amended to read:

(b) [BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2014, A PRODUCER OR EXPLORER MAY ELECT TO TAKE A TAX CREDIT IN THE AMOUNT OF 25 PERCENT OF A ANNUAL LOSS. FOR LEASE EXPENDITURES CARRIED-FORWARD INCURRED ON AND AFTER JANUARY 1, 2014, AND BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2016, TO EXPLORE FOR, DEVELOP, OR PRODUCE OIL OR GAS DEPOSITS LOCATED NORTH OF 68 DEGREES NORTH LATITUDE, A PRODUCER OR EXPLORER MAY ELECT TO TAKE A TAX CREDIT IN THE AMOUNT OF 45 PERCENT OF A CARRIED-FORWARD ANNUAL LOSS. FOR LEASE EXPENDITURES INCURRED ON AND AFTER JANUARY 1, 2016, TO EXPLORE FOR, DEVELOP, OR PRODUCE OIL OR GAS DEPOSITS LOCATED NORTH OF 68 DEGREES NORTH LATITUDE, A PRODUCER OR EXPLORER MAY ELECT TO TAKE A TAX CREDIT IN THE AMOUNT OF 35 PERCENT OF A CARRIED-FORWARD ANNUAL LOSS. FOR LEASE EXPENDITURES INCURRED ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2014, AND BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2017, TO EXPLORE FOR, DEVELOP, OR PRODUCE OIL OR GAS DEPOSITS LOCATED SOUTH OF 68 DEGREES NORTH LATITUDE, A PRODUCER OR EXPLORER MAY ELECT TO TAKE A TAX CREDIT IN THE AMOUNT OF 25 PERCENT OF A CARRIED-FORWARD ANNUAL LOSS.] For lease expenditures incurred [ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2017,] to explore for, develop, or produce oil or gas deposits located south of 68 degrees North latitude, a producer or explorer may elect to take a tax credit in the amount of 15 percent of a carried-forward annual loss, except that a credit for lease expenditures incurred to explore for, develop, or produce oil or gas deposits located in the Cook Inlet sedimentary basin may only be taken if the expenditure is incurred before January 1, 2018. A credit under this subsection may be applied against a tax levied by AS 43.55.011(e). For purposes of this subsection,

- (1) a carried-forward annual loss is the amount of a producer's or explorer's adjusted lease expenditures under AS 43.55.165 and 43.55.170 for a previous calendar year that was not deductible in calculating production tax values for that calendar year under AS 43.55.160;
 - (2) for lease expenditures incurred on or after January 1, 2017, any

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30 31 reduction under AS 43.55.160(f) or (g) is added back to the calculation of production tax values for that calendar year under AS 43.55.160 for the determination of a carried-forward annual loss.

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

(c) A credit or portion of a credit under this section may not be used to reduce a person's tax liability under AS 43.55.011(e) for any calendar year below zero or the amount calculated under AS 43.55.011(f), if applicable, and any unused credit or portion of a credit not used under this subsection may be applied in a later calendar year.

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

(d) A person that is entitled to take a tax credit under this section that wishes to transfer the unused credit to another person [OR OBTAIN A CASH PAYMENT UNDER AS 43.55.028] may apply to the department for a transferable tax credit certificate. A person that is entitled to take a tax credit under (a) or (l) of this section that wishes to obtain a cash payment under AS 43.55.028 may apply to the department for a transferable tax credit certificate. An application under this subsection must be in a form prescribed by the department and must include supporting information and documentation that the department reasonably requires. The department shall grant or deny an application, or grant an application as to a lesser amount than that claimed and deny it as to the excess, not later than 120 days after the latest of (1) March 31 of the year following the calendar year in which the qualified capital expenditure or carried-forward annual loss for which the credit is claimed was incurred; (2) the date the statement required under AS 43.55.030(a) or (e) was filed for the calendar year in which the qualified capital expenditure or carried-forward annual loss for which the credit is claimed was incurred; or (3) the date the application was received by the department. If, based on the information then available to it, the department is reasonably satisfied that the applicant is entitled to a credit, the department shall issue the applicant a transferable tax credit certificate for the amount of the credit. A certificate issued under this subsection does not expire.

* **Sec. 12.** AS 43.55.024(g) is amended to read:

(g) A tax credit authorized by (c) of this section may not be applied to reduce

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a producer's tax liability for any calendar year under AS 43.55.011(e) below zero or the amount calculated under AS 43.55.011(f), if applicable.

* **Sec. 13.** AS 43.55.024(i) is amended to read:

- (i) A producer may apply against the producer's tax liability for the calendar year under AS 43.55.011(e) a tax credit of \$5 for each barrel of oil taxable under AS 43.55.011(e) that receives a reduction in the gross value at the point of production under AS 43.55.160(f) or (g) and that is produced during a calendar year after December 31, 2013. A tax credit authorized by this subsection may not reduce a producer's tax liability for a calendar year under AS 43.55.011(e) below zero or the amount calculated under AS 43.55.011(f) or (q), as applicable.
- * **Sec. 14.** AS 43.55.024(j) is amended to read:
 - (j) A producer may apply against the producer's tax liability for the calendar year under AS 43.55.011(e) a tax credit in the amount specified in this subsection for each barrel of oil taxable under AS 43.55.011(e) that does not receive a reduction in the gross value at the point of production under AS 43.55.160(f) or (g) and that is produced during a calendar year after December 31, 2013, from leases or properties north of 68 degrees North latitude. A tax credit under this subsection may not reduce a producer's tax liability for a calendar year under AS 43.55.011(e) below the amount calculated under AS 43.55.011(f). The amount of the tax credit for a barrel of taxable oil subject to this subsection produced during a month of the calendar year is
 - (1) \$8 for each barrel of taxable oil if the average gross value at the point of production for the month is less than \$60 [\$80] a barrel;
 - (2) \$7 for each barrel of taxable oil if the average gross value at the point of production for the month is greater than or equal to \$60 [\$80] a barrel, but less than **\$70** [\$90] a barrel;
 - (3) \$6 for each barrel of taxable oil if the average gross value at the point of production for the month is greater than or equal to \$70 [\$90] a barrel, but less than **\$80** [\$100] a barrel;
 - (4) \$5 for each barrel of taxable oil if the average gross value at the point of production for the month is greater than or equal to \$80 [\$100] a barrel, but less than **\$90** [\$110] a barrel;

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(5) \$4 for each barrel of taxable oil if the average gross value at the point of production for the month is greater than or equal to \$90 [\$110] a barrel, but less than \$100 [\$120] a barrel;

- (6) \$3 for each barrel of taxable oil if the average gross value at the point of production for the month is greater than or equal to **§100** [\$120] a barrel, but less than **§110** [\$130] a barrel;
- (7) [\$2 FOR EACH BARREL OF TAXABLE OIL IF THE AVERAGE GROSS VALUE AT THE POINT OF PRODUCTION FOR THE MONTH IS GREATER THAN OR EQUAL TO \$130 A BARREL, BUT LESS THAN \$140 A BARREL;
- (8) \$1 FOR EACH BARREL OF TAXABLE OIL IF THE AVERAGE GROSS VALUE AT THE POINT OF PRODUCTION FOR THE MONTH IS GREATER THAN OR EQUAL TO \$140 A BARREL, BUT LESS THAN \$150 A BARREL:
- (9)] zero if the average gross value at the point of production for the month is greater than or equal to **\$110** [\$150] a barrel.
- * **Sec. 15.** AS 43.55.025(g) is amended to read:
 - (g) Except as provided in (q) of this section, an [AN] explorer, other than an entity that is exempt from taxation under this chapter, may transfer, convey, or sell its production tax credit certificate to any person, and any person who receives a production tax credit certificate may also transfer, convey, or sell the certificate.
- * **Sec. 16.** AS 43.55.025(i) is amended to read:
 - (i) For a production tax credit under this section,
 - (1) a credit may not be applied to reduce a taxpayer's tax liability <u>for a calendar year</u> under AS 43.55.011(e) below zero <u>or the amount calculated under AS 43.55.011(f), if applicable [FOR A CALENDAR YEAR]; and</u>
 - (2) an amount of the production tax credit in excess of the amount that may be applied for a calendar year under this subsection may be carried forward and applied against the taxpayer's tax liability under AS 43.55.011(e) in one or more later calendar years.
- * Sec. 17. AS 43.55.025 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

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(q) An explorer is eligible for a tax credit of 15 percent of exploration expenditures incurred for drilling that results in a dry hole. A credit under this subsection is eligible for a tax credit certificate issued under (f)(5) of this section; however, a tax credit certificate issued under this subsection may not be transferred under (g) of this section. A credit under this subsection may only be allowed if

- (1) the explorer does not produce oil or gas in the calendar year in which the credit is earned;
- (2) all service contracts associated with the exploration activity earning a credit under this subsection are paid in full;
 - (3) the lease on which the dry hole is drilled returns to the state; and
- (4) the expenditure that is the basis for the credit is not the basis for another credit claimed under this chapter.

* **Sec. 18.** AS 43.55.028(a) is amended to read:

(a) The oil and gas tax credit fund is established as a separate fund of the state. The purpose of the fund is to purchase transferable tax credit certificates issued under AS 43.55.023 **for a tax credit earned under AS 43.55.023(a) or (l)** and production tax credit certificates issued under AS 43.55.025 and to pay refunds and payments claimed under AS 43.20.046, 43.20.047, or 43.20.053.

* **Sec. 19.** AS 43.55.028(e) is amended to read:

- (e) The department, on the written application of a person to whom a transferable tax credit certificate has been issued under AS 43.55.023(d) or former AS 43.55.023(m) or to whom a production tax credit certificate has been issued under AS 43.55.025(f), may use available money in the oil and gas tax credit fund to purchase, in whole or in part, the certificate. The department may not purchase a total of more than \$35,000,000 [\$70,000,000] in tax credit certificates from a person in a calendar year. Before purchasing a certificate or part of a certificate, the department shall find that
- (1) the calendar year of the purchase is not earlier than the first calendar year for which the credit shown on the certificate would otherwise be allowed to be applied against a tax;
 - (2) the application is not the result of the division of a single entity into

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multiple entities that would reasonably be expected to apply as a single entity if the **\$35,000,000** [\$70,000,000] limitation in this subsection did not exist;

- the applicant's total tax liability under AS 43.55.011(e), after application of all available tax credits, for the calendar year in which the application is made is zero;
- (4) the applicant's average daily production of oil and gas taxable under AS 43.55.011(e) during the calendar year preceding the calendar year in which the application is made was not more than **15,000** [50,000] BTU equivalent barrels; and
- (5) the purchase is consistent with this section and regulations adopted under this section.

* **Sec. 20.** AS 43.55.030(a) is amended to read:

- (a) A producer that produces oil or gas from a lease or property in the state during a calendar year, whether or not any tax payment is due under AS 43.55.020(a) for that oil or gas, shall file with the department on March 31 of the following year a statement, under oath, in a form prescribed by the department, giving, with other information required under a regulation adopted by the department, the following:
- (1) a description of each lease or property from which oil or gas was produced, by name, legal description, lease number, or accounting codes assigned by the department;
- (2) the names of the producer and, if different, the person paying the tax, if any;
- (3) the gross amount of oil and the gross amount of gas produced from each lease or property, separately identifying the gross amount of gas produced from each oil and gas lease to which an effective election under AS 43.55.014(a) applies, the amount of gas delivered to the state under AS 43.55.014(b), and the percentage of the gross amount of oil and gas owned by the producer;
- (4) the gross value at the point of production of the oil and of the gas produced from each lease or property owned by the producer and the costs of transportation of the oil and gas;
 - (5) the name of the first purchaser and the price received for the oil and

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for the gas, unless relieved from this requirement in whole or in part by the department;

- (6) the producer's qualified capital expenditures, as defined in AS 43.55.023, other lease expenditures under AS 43.55.165, and adjustments or other payments or credits under AS 43.55.170;
- (7) the production tax values of the oil and gas under AS 43.55.160(a) or of the oil under AS 43.55.160(h), as applicable;
 - (8) any claims for tax credits to be applied; [AND]
- (9) calculations showing the amounts, if any, that were or are due under AS 43.55.020(a) and interest on any underpayment or overpayment; and
- (10) for each expenditure that is the basis for a credit claimed under AS 43.55.023 or 43.55.025, a description of the expenditure, a detailed description of the purpose of the expenditure, and a description of the lease or property for which the expenditure was incurred.

* **Sec. 21.** AS 43.55.030(e) is amended to read:

- An explorer or producer that incurs a lease expenditure under (e) AS 43.55.165 or receives a payment or credit under AS 43.55.170 during a calendar year but does not produce oil or gas from a lease or property in the state during the calendar year shall file with the department, on March 31 of the following year, a statement, under oath, in a form prescribed by the department, giving, with other information required under a regulation adopted by the department, the following:
- the explorer's or producer's qualified capital expenditures, as defined in AS 43.55.023, other lease expenditures under AS 43.55.165, and adjustments or other payments or credits under AS 43.55.170; [AND]
- (2) if the explorer or producer receives a payment or credit under AS 43.55.170, calculations showing whether the explorer or producer is liable for a tax under AS 43.55.160(d) or 43.55.170(b) and, if so, the amount; and
- (3) for each expenditure that is the basis for a credit claimed under this chapter, a description of the expenditure, a detailed description of the purpose of the expenditure, and a description of the lease or property for which the expenditure was incurred.

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* Sec. 22. AS 43.55.030 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(g) Notwithstanding AS 43.05.230(a), the department shall annually report the information submitted during the previous calendar year under (a)(10) and (e)(3) of this section to the legislature within 10 days after the convening of each regular legislative session. The department shall deliver the information to the senate secretary and the chief clerk of the house of representatives and notify the legislature that the information is available.

* Sec. 23. AS 43.55.150 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(d) For purposes of calculating the tax under this chapter, the gross value at the point of production may not be less than zero.

* **Sec. 24.** AS 43.55.160(e) is amended to read:

(e) Any adjusted lease expenditures under AS 43.55.165 and 43.55.170 that would otherwise be deductible by a producer in a calendar year but whose deduction would cause an annual production tax value calculated under (a)(1) or (h) of this section of taxable oil or gas produced during the calendar year to be less than zero may be used to establish a carried-forward annual loss under AS 43.55.023(b) or 43.55.165(a)(3). However, the department shall provide by regulation a method to ensure that, for a period for which a producer's tax liability is limited by AS 43.55.011(j), (k), (o), or (p), any adjusted lease expenditures under AS 43.55.165 and 43.55.170 that would otherwise be deductible by a producer for that period but whose deduction would cause a production tax value calculated under (a)(1)(C), (D), (E), or (F), or (h)(3) of this section to be less than zero are accounted for as though the adjusted lease expenditures had first been used as deductions in calculating the production tax values of oil or gas subject to any of the limitations under AS 43.55.011(j), (k), (o), or (p) that have positive production tax values so as to reduce the tax liability calculated without regard to the limitation to the maximum amount provided for under the applicable provision of AS 43.55.011(j), (k), (o), or (p). Only the amount of those adjusted lease expenditures remaining after the accounting provided for under this subsection may be used to establish a carried-forward annual loss under AS 43.55.023(b) or 43.55.165(a)(3). In this subsection, "producer" includes "explorer."

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* **Sec. 25.** AS 43.55.165(a) is amended to read:

- (a) Except as provided in (j) and (k) of this section, for purposes of this chapter, a producer's lease expenditures for a calendar year are
 - (1) costs, other than items listed in (e) of this section, that are
 - (A) incurred by the producer during the calendar year after March 31, 2006, to explore for, develop, or produce oil or gas deposits located within the producer's leases or properties in the state or, in the case of land in which the producer does not own an operating right, operating interest, or working interest, to explore for oil or gas deposits within other land in the state; and
 - (B) allowed by the department by regulation, based on the department's determination that the costs satisfy the following three requirements:
 - (i) the costs must be incurred upstream of the point of production of oil and gas;
 - (ii) the costs must be ordinary and necessary costs of exploring for, developing, or producing, as applicable, oil or gas deposits; and
 - (iii) the costs must be direct costs of exploring for, developing, or producing, as applicable, oil or gas deposits; [AND]
- (2) a reasonable allowance for that calendar year, as determined under regulations adopted by the department, for overhead expenses that are directly related to exploring for, developing, or producing, as applicable, the oil or gas deposits; and
- (3) 50 percent of the lease expenditures incurred in a previous year, subject to (m) and (n) of this section, that
 - (A) met the requirements of AS 43.55.160(e) in the year that the lease expenditures were incurred;
 - (B) have not been deducted in the determination of the production tax value of oil and gas under AS 43.55.160(a) in a previous calendar year;
 - (C) were not the basis of a credit under this title; and

(D) were incurred to explore for, develop, or produce an oil or gas deposit located north of 68 degrees North latitude.

* Sec. 26. AS 43.55.165 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

- (m) After the 50 percent reduction under (a)(3) of this section, lease expenditures carried forward under (a)(3) of this section shall accrue interest at seven percentage points above the annual rate charged member banks for advances by the 12th Federal Reserve District as of the first day of the calendar year, compounded annually. Interest under this subsection begins to accrue on January 1 of the calendar year immediately following the calendar year in which the lease expenditures were incurred and no longer accrues on December 31 of the calendar year immediately preceding the calendar year in which the carried-forward lease expenditures were applied. Interest accrued under this subsection has no value other than as a lease expenditure under this section. Interest may not accrue
 - (1) for a partial calendar year; or
 - (2) for more than seven calendar years.
- (n) The Department of Natural Resources shall adopt regulations that require the pre-approval of lease expenditures carried forward under (a)(3) of this section. Regulations under this subsection may add additional requirements for or restrictions on the ability of a producer or explorer to carry forward a lease expenditure under (a)(3) of this section. For a lease expenditure to qualify under (a)(3) of this section, a producer or explorer shall provide to the Department of Natural Resources the information necessary to determine whether a lease expenditure qualifies to be carried forward under regulations adopted under this subsection.
- * Sec. 27. AS 43.55.028(g)(3) and 43.55.029 are repealed.
- * Sec. 28. The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to read:

LEGISLATIVE WORKING GROUP. (a) A legislative working group is established to analyze the Cook Inlet fiscal regime for oil and gas, review the state's tax structure and rates on oil and gas produced south of 68 degrees North latitude, recommend changes to the legislature for consideration during the Second Regular Session of the Thirtieth Alaska State Legislature, and develop terms for a comprehensive fiscal regime, including

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- (1) a tax structure that accounts for the unique circumstances for each oil and gas producing area south of 68 degrees North latitude;
- incentives other than direct monetary support from the state for the exploration, development, and production of oil and gas south of 68 degrees North latitude;
- (3) consideration of the competitiveness of the area south of 68 degrees North latitude to attract new oil and gas development;
- consideration of the unique market considerations of the Cook Inlet sedimentary basin and the need to support energy supply security for communities in Southcentral Alaska:
- (5) alternative means of state support for the exploration, development, and production of oil and gas in the Cook Inlet sedimentary basin, including loan guarantees or other financial support through the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority, or other state corporation or entity;
- (6) the applicability of the recommended tax structure to gas currently subject to AS 43.55.011(o).
- (b) The recommended changes under (a) of this section may not include refundable or deductible tax credits or carried-forward lease expenditures.
 - (c) The working group consists of
- (1) two co-chairs, one of whom is a member of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, and one of whom is a member of the senate appointed by the president of the senate; and
- (2) members appointed by the co-chairs; members must be legislators and must include members of the majority and minority caucuses.
- (d) The co-chairs of the working group may form an advisory group to the working group, composed of members who are not legislators and who have expertise and skills to assist in the review and development of a new plan for the tax structure and rates on oil and gas produced south of 68 degrees North latitude. The members of an advisory group may include commissioners or employees of state departments, members of the oil and gas industry or trade associations, and economists.
- (e) The working group may be supported by legislative consultants under contract through the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee.

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

APPLICABILITY. (a) The additional limitations on the use of tax credits in AS 43.55.011(q) and (r), added by sec. 7 of this Act, AS 43.55.023(c), as amended by sec. 10 of this Act, AS 43.55.024(g), as amended by sec. 12 of this Act, AS 43.55.024(i), as amended by sec. 13 of this Act, and AS 43.55.025(i), as amended by sec. 16 of this Act, and the adjustment to the calculation of a tax payment under AS 43.55.020(a)(11), added by sec. 8 of this Act, apply to credits applied to reduce a tax liability for a tax year starting on or after the effective date of secs. 7, 8, 10, 12, 13, and 16 of this Act.

- (b) AS 43.55.023(b), as amended by sec. 9 of this Act, applies to lease expenditures incurred on or after the effective date of sec. 9 of this Act.
- (c) The repeal of AS 43.55.029 by sec. 27 of this Act applies to a credit applied for on or after the effective date of sec. 27 of this Act.
- * Sec. 30. The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to read:

TRANSITION: CARRIED-FORWARD LOSSES AND LEASE EXPENDITURES. (a) Notwithstanding AS 43.55.023(d), as amended by sec. 11 of this Act, and AS 43.55.028(a), as amended by sec. 18 of this Act, the Department of Revenue may purchase a transferable tax credit certificate that was issued under AS 43.55.023(d) for a credit earned under AS 43.55.023(b) before the effective date of secs. 11 and 18 of this Act, under AS 43.55.023(d) and 43.55.028(a), as those subsections read on the day before the effective date of secs. 11 and 18 of this Act.

- (b) AS 43.55.165(a)(3) and 43.55.165(m) and (n), added by secs. 25 and 26 of this Act, apply to a lease expenditure incurred on or after the effective date of secs. 25 and 26 of this Act.
- * Sec. 31. The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to read:

TRANSITION: ASSIGNMENT OF TAX CREDIT CERTIFICATES. Notwithstanding the repeal of AS 43.55.029 by sec. 27 of this Act, the Department of Revenue may continue to apply and enforce AS 43.55.029 as that section read the day before the effective date of sec. 27 of this Act for a credit applied for before the effective date of sec.

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* Sec. 32. The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to read:

TRANSITION: PAYMENT OF TAX; FILING. (a) Notwithstanding AS 43.55.020(a), as amended by sec. 8 of this Act, a person subject to tax under AS 43.55 that is required to make one or more installment payments of estimated tax or other payments of tax under AS 43.55.020 for production before the effective date of sec. 8 of this Act shall pay the tax under AS 43.55.020, as that section read on the day before the effective date of sec. 8 of this Act.

- (b) The Department of Revenue may continue to apply and enforce AS 43.55.020(a), as that subsection read on the day before the effective date of sec. 8 of this Act, for a tax or installment payment for production before the effective date of sec. 8 of this Act.
- * Sec. 33. The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to read:

RETROACTIVITY. Section 2 of this Act is retroactive to January 1, 2017.

- * Sec. 34. Sections 1, 2, 28, and 33 of this Act take effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).
 - * Sec. 35. Except as provided in sec. 34 of this Act, this Act takes effect January 1, 2018.