

**CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 414(O&G)**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON OIL AND GAS

Offered: 3/15/00

Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVE GREEN

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 "An Act relating to the appointment and qualifications of the members of the  
2 Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission; and providing for an effective  
3 date."

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

5 \* **Section 1.** AS 31.05.005(a) is amended to read:

6 (a) There is created as an independent quasi-judicial agency of the state the  
7 Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission, composed of three commissioners  
8 appointed by the governor and confirmed by the legislature in joint session. **In**  
9 **making appointments to the commission under AS 31.05.009(1) and (2) and this**  
10 **subsection, the governor shall consider and give preference to a person who**  
11 **demonstrates experience in oil and gas operations in the state.**

12 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 31.05.009 is amended to read:

13 **Sec. 31.05.009. Qualifications of members.** Members shall be qualified as  
14 follows:

1 (1) one member shall be a **petroleum** [LICENSED PROFESSIONAL]  
2 engineer **who**

3 (A) **holds a certificate of registration as an engineer under**  
4 **AS 08.48 and, under regulations adopted to implement that chapter, has**  
5 **qualified as a petroleum engineer; or**

6 (B) **has earned a degree from a university** [WITH  
7 EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND] in the field of  
8 [PETROLEUM] engineering **and has at least 10 years of professional**  
9 **subsurface experience in the oil and gas industry in drilling, well**  
10 **operations, production process operations, reservoir engineering, or a**  
11 **combination thereof; for the purposes of this subparagraph, a person**  
12 **meets the requirement of earning a degree in the field of engineering if the**  
13 **person obtains an undergraduate or graduate degree in engineering that**  
14 **meets the requirements for program accreditation by the Engineering**  
15 **Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and**  
16 **Technology and the person completes university or industry training**  
17 **specific to petroleum engineering that illustrates application of engineering**  
18 **principles to the problems encountered and methods used in the petroleum**  
19 **industry, including drilling, production, reservoir engineering, fluid flow**  
20 **through subsurface formations, and hydrocarbon transportation;**

21 (2) one member shall be a geologist **who is certified as a professional**  
22 **geologist under AS 08.02.011, has earned a degree in the field of geology from a**  
23 **university accredited in the field of geology, and has a minimum of 10 years**  
24 **professional experience in the** [WITH EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL  
25 BACKGROUND IN THE] field of petroleum geology; **and**

26 (3) one member **who** need not be **certified, trained, or** [AND]  
27 experienced in **either** the **field** [FIELDS] of petroleum engineering or **the field of**  
28 petroleum geology.

29 \* **Sec. 3.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section  
30 to read:

31 **APPLICABILITY.** The provisions of AS 31.05.009, as amended by sec. 2 of this Act,

- 1 apply to persons appointed under AS 31.05.009 on and after the effective date of this Act.
- 2 \* **Sec. 4.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).