

HOUSE BILL NO. 246

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

Introduced: 4/4/03

Referred: House Special Committee on Oil and Gas, Resources

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to the limitation on upland acreage that a person may take or hold
2 under oil and gas leases; and providing for an effective date."

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

4 * **Section 1.** AS 38.05.140(c) is amended to read:

5 (c) A person may not take or hold at one time phosphate leases on state land
6 exceeding in the aggregate 10,240 acres. A person may not take or hold sodium leases
7 or permits during the life of sodium leases on state land exceeding in the aggregate
8 acreage 5,120 acres, except that the commissioner may, where it is necessary in order
9 to secure the economic mining of sodium compounds, permit a person to take or hold
10 sodium leases or permits for up to 15,360 acres. A person may not take or hold at any
11 one time oil or gas leases exceeding in the aggregate 500,000 acres granted on tide and
12 submerged land, including leases held both as lessee and under option or
13 operating agreement from others. A person may not take or hold at any one time
14 oil or gas leases exceeding in the aggregate 750,000 [AND 500,000] acres on all

1 land other than tide and submerged land, **of which no more than 500,000 acres may**
2 **be located north of the Umiat Meridian baseline,** including leases held both as
3 lessee and under option or operating agreement from others. Where more than a
4 single person holds an interest in an oil or gas lease, each person shall be charged only
5 with that percentage of the total acreage which corresponds to its percentage share of
6 the total beneficial interest in the lease.

7 * **Sec. 2.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).