

**HOUSE BILL NO. 410**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

**BY REPRESENTATIVE GRUENBERG**

**Introduced: 2/19/08**

**Referred: Judiciary, Resources**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act requiring state oil and gas leases to be construed in favor of the state and**  
2 **against the person challenging the state's interpretation of the lease."**

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

4 **\* Section 1.** AS 38.05.180 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

5 (hh) When interpreting a lease entered into under this section, ambiguous  
6 language shall be construed in favor of the state and against the person challenging the  
7 state's interpretation.

8 **\* Sec. 2.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
9 read:

10 **APPLICABILITY.** Section 2 of this Act applies to the interpretation of a lease entered  
11 into or amended after the effective date of this Act.