

HOUSE BILL NO. 111

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

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Referred: Resources, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to the oil and gas production tax, tax payments, and credits; relating to
2 interest applicable to delinquent oil and gas production tax; and providing for an
3 effective date."

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

5 * **Section 1.** AS 43.05.225 is amended to read:

6 **Sec. 43.05.225. Interest.** Unless otherwise provided,

7 (1) a delinquent tax

8 (A) under this title, before January 1, 2014, bears interest in
9 each calendar quarter at the rate of five percentage points above the annual rate
10 charged member banks for advances by the 12th Federal Reserve District as of
11 the first day of that calendar quarter, or at the annual rate of 11 percent,
12 whichever is greater, compounded quarterly as of the last day of that quarter;

13 (B) under this title, on and after January 1, 2014, except as
14 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. 2.** 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 **January 1, 2018** [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

1 the United States West Coast during the calendar year for which the tax is due
2 is over \$17.50 but not over \$20;

3 (D) one percent of the gross value at the point of production
4 when the average price per barrel for Alaska North Slope crude oil for sale on
5 the United States West Coast during the calendar year for which the tax is due
6 is over \$15 but not over \$17.50; or

7 (E) zero percent of the gross value at the point of production
8 when the average price per barrel for Alaska North Slope crude oil for sale on
9 the United States West Coast during the calendar year for which the tax is due
10 is \$15 or less; and

11 (2) oil and gas produced on and after January 1, 2018, and before
12 January 1, 2022, from leases or properties that include land north of 68 degrees North
13 latitude, may not be less than five [(A) FOUR] percent of the gross value at the point
14 of production [WHEN THE AVERAGE PRICE PER BARREL FOR ALASKA
15 NORTH SLOPE CRUDE OIL FOR SALE ON THE UNITED STATES WEST
16 COAST DURING THE CALENDAR YEAR FOR WHICH THE TAX IS DUE IS
17 MORE THAN \$25;

18 (B) THREE PERCENT OF THE GROSS VALUE AT THE
19 POINT OF PRODUCTION WHEN THE AVERAGE PRICE PER BARREL
20 FOR ALASKA NORTH SLOPE CRUDE OIL FOR SALE ON THE UNITED
21 STATES WEST COAST DURING THE CALENDAR YEAR FOR WHICH
22 THE TAX IS DUE IS OVER \$20 BUT NOT OVER \$25;

23 (C) TWO PERCENT OF THE GROSS VALUE AT THE
24 POINT OF PRODUCTION WHEN THE AVERAGE PRICE PER BARREL
25 FOR ALASKA NORTH SLOPE CRUDE OIL FOR SALE ON THE UNITED
26 STATES WEST COAST DURING THE CALENDAR YEAR FOR WHICH
27 THE TAX IS DUE IS OVER \$17.50 BUT NOT OVER \$20;

28 (D) ONE PERCENT OF THE GROSS VALUE AT THE
29 POINT OF PRODUCTION WHEN THE AVERAGE PRICE PER BARREL
30 FOR ALASKA NORTH SLOPE CRUDE OIL FOR SALE ON THE UNITED
31 STATES WEST COAST DURING THE CALENDAR YEAR FOR WHICH

1 THE TAX IS DUE IS OVER \$15 BUT NOT OVER \$17.50; OR

2 (E) ZERO PERCENT OF THE GROSS VALUE AT THE
3 POINT OF PRODUCTION WHEN THE AVERAGE PRICE PER BARREL
4 FOR ALASKA NORTH SLOPE CRUDE OIL FOR SALE ON THE UNITED
5 STATES WEST COAST DURING THE CALENDAR YEAR FOR WHICH
6 THE TAX IS DUE IS \$15 OR LESS].

7 * **Sec. 3.** AS 43.55.011 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

8 (q) The amount of tax determined under (f) of this section may not be reduced
9 by the application of a credit authorized under this chapter. The total amount of tax
10 credits that may be applied against the tax levied by (e) of this section for a calendar
11 year may not exceed the sum of the amount of the tax credits or fractions of tax credits
12 that are allowed under AS 43.55.020(a) to be subtracted in calculating the installment
13 payments of estimated tax for each month in the calendar year.

14 * **Sec. 4.** AS 43.55.020(a) is amended to read:

15 (a) For a calendar year, a producer subject to tax under AS 43.55.011 shall pay
16 the tax as follows:

17 (1) for oil and gas produced before January 1, 2014, an installment
18 payment of the estimated tax levied by AS 43.55.011(e), net of any tax credits applied
19 as allowed by law, is due for each month of the calendar year on the last day of the
20 following month; except as otherwise provided under (2) of this subsection, the
21 amount of the installment payment is the sum of the following amounts, less 1/12 of
22 the tax credits that are allowed by law to be applied against the tax levied by
23 AS 43.55.011(e) for the calendar year, but the amount of the installment payment may
24 not be less than zero:

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

29 (i) zero; or

30 (ii) the sum of 25 percent and the tax rate calculated for
31 the month under AS 43.55.011(g) multiplied by the remainder obtained

1 by subtracting 1/12 of the producer's adjusted lease expenditures for the
 2 calendar year of production under AS 43.55.165 and 43.55.170 that are
 3 deductible for the oil and gas under AS 43.55.160 from the gross value
 4 at the point of production of the oil and gas produced from the leases or
 5 properties during the month for which the installment payment is
 6 calculated;

7 (B) for oil and gas produced from leases or properties subject
 8 to AS 43.55.011(f), the greatest of

9 (i) zero;

10 (ii) zero percent, one percent, two percent, three
 11 percent, or four percent, as applicable, of the gross value at the point of
 12 production of the oil and gas produced from the leases or properties
 13 during the month for which the installment payment is calculated; or

14 (iii) the sum of 25 percent and the tax rate calculated for
 15 the month under AS 43.55.011(g) multiplied by the remainder obtained
 16 by subtracting 1/12 of the producer's adjusted lease expenditures for the
 17 calendar year of production under AS 43.55.165 and 43.55.170 that are
 18 deductible for the oil and gas under AS 43.55.160 from the gross value
 19 at the point of production of the oil and gas produced from those leases
 20 or properties during the month for which the installment payment is
 21 calculated;

22 (C) for oil or gas subject to AS 43.55.011(j), (k), or (o), for
 23 each lease or property, the greater of

24 (i) zero; or

25 (ii) the sum of 25 percent and the tax rate calculated for
 26 the month under AS 43.55.011(g) multiplied by the remainder obtained
 27 by subtracting 1/12 of the producer's adjusted lease expenditures for the
 28 calendar year of production under AS 43.55.165 and 43.55.170 that are
 29 deductible under AS 43.55.160 for the oil or gas, respectively,
 30 produced from the lease or property from the gross value at the point of
 31 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 [ZERO] percent [, ONE PERCENT, TWO

1 PERCENT, THREE PERCENT, OR FOUR PERCENT, AS]
 2 applicable under AS 43.55.011(f) [, OF THE GROSS VALUE AT
 3 THE POINT OF PRODUCTION OF THE OIL AND GAS
 4 PRODUCED FROM THE LEASES OR PROPERTIES DURING THE
 5 MONTH FOR WHICH THE INSTALLMENT PAYMENT IS
 6 CALCULATED]; or

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

16 (C) for oil or gas subject to AS 43.55.011(j), (k), or (o), for
 17 each lease or property, the greater of

18 (i) zero; or

19 (ii) 35 percent multiplied by the remainder obtained by
 20 subtracting 1/12 of the producer's adjusted lease expenditures for the
 21 calendar year of production under AS 43.55.165 and 43.55.170 that are
 22 deductible under AS 43.55.160 for the oil or gas, respectively,
 23 produced from the lease or property from the gross value at the point of
 24 production of the oil or gas, respectively, produced from the lease or
 25 property during the month for which the installment payment is
 26 calculated;

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

28 (i) 35 percent multiplied by the remainder obtained by
 29 subtracting 1/12 of the producer's adjusted lease expenditures for the
 30 calendar year of production under AS 43.55.165 and 43.55.170 that are
 31 deductible for the oil and gas under AS 43.55.160 from the gross value

1 at the point of production of the oil and gas produced from the leases or
 2 properties during the month for which the installment payment is
 3 calculated, but not less than zero; or

4 (ii) four percent of the gross value at the point of
 5 production of the oil and gas produced from the leases or properties
 6 during the month, but not less than zero;

7 (6) an amount calculated under (5)(C) of this subsection for oil or gas
 8 subject to AS 43.55.011(j), (k), or (o) may not exceed the product obtained by
 9 carrying out the calculation set out in AS 43.55.011(j)(1) or (2) or 43.55.011(o), as
 10 applicable, for gas or set out in AS 43.55.011(k) for oil, but substituting in
 11 AS 43.55.011(j)(1)(A) or (2)(A) or 43.55.011(o), as applicable, the amount of taxable
 12 gas produced during the month for the amount of taxable gas produced during the
 13 calendar year and substituting in AS 43.55.011(k) the amount of taxable oil produced
 14 during the month for the amount of taxable oil produced during the calendar year;

15 (7) for oil and gas produced on or after January 1, 2022, an installment
 16 payment of the estimated tax levied by AS 43.55.011(e), net of any tax credits applied
 17 as allowed by law, is due for each month of the calendar year on the last day of the
 18 following month; except as otherwise provided under (10) of this subsection, the
 19 amount of the installment payment is the sum of the following amounts, less 1/12 of
 20 the tax credits that are allowed by law to be applied against the tax levied by
 21 AS 43.55.011(e) for the calendar year, but the amount of the installment payment may
 22 not be less than zero:

23 (A) for oil produced from leases or properties subject to
 24 AS 43.55.011(f), the greatest of

25 (i) zero;

26 (ii) **five** [ZERO] percent [, ONE PERCENT, TWO
 27 PERCENT, THREE PERCENT, OR FOUR PERCENT, AS
 28 APPLICABLE,] of the gross value at the point of production of the oil
 29 produced from the leases or properties during the month for which the
 30 installment payment is calculated; or

31 (iii) 35 percent multiplied by the remainder obtained by

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

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

14 (i) zero; or

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

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

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

31 (ii) 13 percent of the gross value at the point of

1 production of the gas produced from the leases or properties during the
2 month, but not less than zero;

3 (D) for oil produced from leases or properties in the state, no
4 part of which is north of 68 degrees North latitude, other than leases or
5 properties subject to (B), (C), or (F) of this paragraph, the greater of

6 (i) zero; or

7 (ii) 35 percent multiplied by the remainder obtained by
8 subtracting 1/12 of the producer's adjusted lease expenditures for the
9 calendar year of production under AS 43.55.165 and 43.55.170 that are
10 deductible for the oil under AS 43.55.160(h)(4) from the gross value at
11 the point of production of the oil produced from the leases or properties
12 during the month for which the installment payment is calculated;

13 (E) for gas produced from each lease or property in the state
14 outside the Cook Inlet sedimentary basin, other than a lease or property subject
15 to AS 43.55.011(o) or (p), 13 percent of the gross value at the point of
16 production of the gas produced from the lease or property during the month for
17 which the installment payment is calculated, but not less than zero;

18 (F) for oil subject to AS 43.55.011(k), for each lease or
19 property, the greater of

20 (i) zero; or

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

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

30 (i) zero; or

31 (ii) 13 percent of the gross value at the point of

1 production of the gas produced from the lease or property during the
2 month for which the installment payment is calculated;

3 (8) an amount calculated under (7)(C) of this subsection may not
4 exceed four percent of the gross value at the point of production of the oil and gas
5 produced from leases or properties subject to AS 43.55.011(p) during the month for
6 which the installment payment is calculated;

7 (9) for purposes of the calculation under (1)(B)(ii), (5)(B)(ii), and
8 (7)(A)(ii) of this subsection, the applicable percentage of the gross value at the point
9 of production is determined under AS 43.55.011(f)(1) or (2) but substituting the
10 phrase "month for which the installment payment is calculated" in AS 43.55.011(f)(1)
11 and (2) for the phrase "calendar year for which the tax is due";

12 (10) an amount calculated under (7)(F) or (G) of this subsection for oil
13 or gas subject to AS 43.55.011(j), (k), or (o) may not exceed the product obtained by
14 carrying out the calculation set out in AS 43.55.011(j)(1) or (2) or 43.55.011(o), as
15 applicable, for gas, or set out in AS 43.55.011(k) for oil, but substituting in
16 AS 43.55.011(j)(1)(A) or (2)(A) or 43.55.011(o), as applicable, the amount of taxable
17 gas produced during the month for the amount of taxable gas produced during the
18 calendar year and substituting in AS 43.55.011(k) the amount of taxable oil produced
19 during the month for the amount of taxable oil produced during the calendar year;

20 **(11) for purposes of the calculation under (5)(B)(ii) or (7)(A)(ii) of**
21 **this subsection, a credit under this chapter may not be applied to reduce an**
22 **installment payment to less than the applicable percentage under AS 43.55.011(f).**

23 * Sec. 5. AS 43.55.023(b) is amended to read:

24 (b) [BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2014, A PRODUCER OR EXPLORER MAY
25 ELECT TO TAKE A TAX CREDIT IN THE AMOUNT OF 25 PERCENT OF A
26 CARRIED-FORWARD ANNUAL LOSS. FOR LEASE EXPENDITURES
27 INCURRED ON AND AFTER JANUARY 1, 2014, AND BEFORE JANUARY 1,
28 2016, TO EXPLORE FOR, DEVELOP, OR PRODUCE OIL OR GAS DEPOSITS
29 LOCATED NORTH OF 68 DEGREES NORTH LATITUDE, A PRODUCER OR
30 EXPLORER MAY ELECT TO TAKE A TAX CREDIT IN THE AMOUNT OF 45
31 PERCENT OF A CARRIED-FORWARD ANNUAL LOSS.] For lease expenditures

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

17 (1) a carried-forward annual loss is the amount of a producer's or
 18 explorer's adjusted lease expenditures under AS 43.55.165 and 43.55.170 for a
 19 previous calendar year that was not deductible in calculating production tax values for
 20 that calendar year under AS 43.55.160;

21 (2) for lease expenditures incurred on or after January 1, 2017, any
 22 reduction under AS 43.55.160(f) or (g) is added back to the calculation of production
 23 tax values for that calendar year under AS 43.55.160 for the determination of a
 24 carried-forward annual loss.

25 * **Sec. 6.** AS 43.55.023(d) is amended to read:

26 (d) A person that is entitled to take a tax credit under this section that wishes
 27 to transfer the unused credit to another person [OR OBTAIN A CASH PAYMENT
 28 UNDER AS 43.55.028] may apply to the department for a transferable tax credit
 29 certificate. A person that is entitled to take a tax credit under (a) or (l) of this
 30 section that wishes to obtain a cash payment under AS 43.55.028 may apply to
 31 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. 7.** 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 \$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 \$80 A BARREL, BUT LESS THAN \$90 A BARREL;

(3) \$6 FOR EACH BARREL OF TAXABLE OIL IF THE AVERAGE

1 GROSS VALUE AT THE POINT OF PRODUCTION FOR THE MONTH IS
 2 GREATER THAN OR EQUAL TO \$90 A BARREL, BUT LESS THAN \$100 A
 3 BARREL;

4 (4)] \$5 for each barrel of taxable oil if the average gross value at the
 5 point of production for the month is [GREATER THAN OR EQUAL TO \$100 A
 6 BARREL, BUT] less than \$110 a barrel;

7 (2) [(5)] \$4 for each barrel of taxable oil if the average gross value at
 8 the point of production for the month is greater than or equal to \$110 a barrel, but less
 9 than \$120 a barrel;

10 (3) [(6)] \$3 for each barrel of taxable oil if the average gross value at
 11 the point of production for the month is greater than or equal to \$120 a barrel, but less
 12 than \$130 a barrel;

13 (4) [(7)] \$2 for each barrel of taxable oil if the average gross value at
 14 the point of production for the month is greater than or equal to \$130 a barrel, but less
 15 than \$140 a barrel;

16 (5) [(8)] \$1 for each barrel of taxable oil if the average gross value at
 17 the point of production for the month is greater than or equal to \$140 a barrel, but less
 18 than \$150 a barrel;

19 (6) [(9)] zero if the average gross value at the point of production for
 20 the month is greater than or equal to \$150 a barrel.

21 * **Sec. 8.** AS 43.55.028(a) is amended to read:

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

27 * **Sec. 9.** AS 43.55.028(e) is amended to read:

28 (e) The department, on the written application of a person to whom a
 29 transferable tax credit certificate has been issued under AS 43.55.023(d) or former
 30 AS 43.55.023(m) or to whom a production tax credit certificate has been issued under
 31 AS 43.55.025(f), may use available money in the oil and gas tax credit fund to

1 purchase, in whole or in part, the certificate. The department may not purchase a total
 2 of more than \$35,000,000 [\$70,000,000] in tax credit certificates from a person in a
 3 calendar year. Before purchasing a certificate or part of a certificate, the department
 4 shall find that

5 (1) the calendar year of the purchase is not earlier than the first
 6 calendar year for which the credit shown on the certificate would otherwise be allowed
 7 to be applied against a tax;

8 (2) the application is not the result of the division of a single entity into
 9 multiple entities that would reasonably be expected to apply as a single entity if the
 10 \$35,000,000 [\$70,000,000] limitation in this subsection did not exist;

11 (3) the applicant's total tax liability under AS 43.55.011(e), after
 12 application of all available tax credits, for the calendar year in which the application is
 13 made is zero;

14 (4) the applicant's average daily production of oil and gas taxable
 15 under AS 43.55.011(e) during the calendar year preceding the calendar year in which
 16 the application is made was not more than 15,000 [50,000] BTU equivalent barrels;
 17 and

18 (5) the purchase is consistent with this section and regulations adopted
 19 under this section.

20 * **Sec. 10.** AS 43.55.150 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

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

23 * **Sec. 11.** AS 43.55.028(g)(3) is repealed.

24 * **Sec. 12.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
 25 read:

26 APPLICABILITY. (a) The limitations on the use of tax credits in AS 43.55.011(q),
 27 added by sec. 3 of this Act, and the adjustment to the calculation of a tax payment under
 28 AS 43.55.020(a)(11), added by sec. 4 of this Act, apply to credits applied to reduce a tax
 29 liability for a tax year starting on or after the effective date of secs. 3 and 4 of this Act.

30 (b) AS 43.55.023(b), as amended by sec. 5 of this Act, applies to lease expenditures
 31 incurred on or after the effective date of sec. 5 of this Act.

1 * **Sec. 13.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
2 read:

3 TRANSITION. Notwithstanding AS 43.55.023(d), as amended by sec. 6 of this Act,
4 and AS 43.55.028(a), as amended by sec. 8 of this Act, the Department of Revenue may
5 purchase a transferable tax credit certificate that was issued under AS 43.55.023(d) for a
6 credit earned under AS 43.55.023(b) before the effective date of secs. 6 and 8 of this Act,
7 under AS 43.55.023(d) and 43.55.028(a), as those subsections read on the day before the
8 effective date of secs. 6 and 8 of this Act.

9 * **Sec. 14.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
10 read:

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

12 * **Sec. 15.** Sections 1 and 14 of this Act take effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).

13 * **Sec. 16.** Except as provided in sec. 15 of this Act, this Act takes effect January 1, 2018.