

Original sponsor: Resources Committee

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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

2 SENATE CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 659

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to oil and gas conservation; and pro-
7 viding for an effective date."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 31.05.150 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

10 (e) Every producer of oil or natural gas in the state shall, be-
11 fore the first day of each month, report to the department and to the
12 Department of Revenue the amount in thousands of cubic feet of natural
13 gas flared, vented, or otherwise allowed to escape into the air during
14 the preceding month. When any well is productive of natural gas in
15 quantity sufficient to justify utilization, the producer shall pay to
16 the Department of Revenue a penalty on every thousand feet of natural
17 gas flared, vented, or otherwise allowed to escape into the air. The
18 penalty rate is 11 cents per 1,000 cubic feet of natural gas.

19 * Sec. 2. AS 31.05.170(11)(H) is repealed and re-enacted to read:

20 (H) the release, burning, or escape into the open air
21 of gas, from a well producing oil or gas, except to the extent
22 authorized by the department.

23 * Sec. 3. AS 31.05.170 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

24 (12) "cubic foot" of natural gas means the volume of gas
25 contained in one cubic foot of space measured at a pressure base of
26 14.65 pounds per square inch absolute and a temperature base of 60
27 degrees Fahrenheit.

28 * Sec. 4. This Act takes effect on the day after its passage and
29 approval or on the day it becomes law without approval.