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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 798

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to disclosure of geological,  
7 geophysical and other subsurface data; and providing  
8 for an effective date."

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

10 \* Section 1. AS 31.05.030(d)(2) is amended to read:

11 (2) the making and filing of reports, well logs, drilling  
12 logs, electric logs, lithologic logs, directional surveys, and all  
13 other subsurface information on a well drilled for oil or gas, or for  
14 the discovery of oil or gas, or for geologic information, and the re-  
15 quired reports and information shall be filed within 30 days after the  
16 completion, abandonment, or suspension of the well [, AND REQUIRED  
17 REPORTS AND INFORMATION MARKED "CONFIDENTIAL" SHALL BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL FOR 24 MONTHS AFTER THE 30- DAY FILING PERIOD, UNLESS THE OWNER  
18 GIVES WRITTEN PERMISSION TO RELEASE THE REPORTS, LOGS, OR OTHER  
19 INFORMATION AT AN EARLIER DATE];

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21 \* Sec. 2. AS 31.05 is amended by the addition of a new section to read:

22 Sec. 31.05.035. CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS. (a) For all wells for  
23 which a permit to drill has been issued by the department since January  
24 3, 1959, the department may require:

25 (1) the making and filing of reports, well logs, drilling  
26 logs, electric logs, lithologic logs, directional surveys, and all  
27 other subsurface information on a well drilled for oil or gas, or for  
28 the discovery of oil or gas, or for geologic information; and

29 (2) the filing of all logs, except experimental logs,

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dipmeter surveys, and velocity surveys run on a well and not required by (1) of this subsection;

(3) reports and information required under (1) and (2) of this subsection shall be filed within 30 days after the completion, abandonment, or suspension of a well. However, under (1) of this subsection, the department may not require the making of a log on a well completed, abandoned or suspended before the effective date of this Act.

(b) The reports and information marked confidential shall be kept confidential for 24 months following the 30-day filing period unless the owner of the well gives written permission to release the reports and information at an earlier date. Well location, depth, status and production data and any reports required by the department to be filed subsequent to the 30-day filing period shall be considered public information and shall not be classified confidential.

\* Sec. 3. This Act takes effect on the day after its passage and approval or on the day it becomes law without approval.