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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE BY
REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 202

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

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

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

9 * Section 1. AS 31.05.035(c) is amended to read:

10 (c) The reports and information required in (a) of this section
11 shall be kept confidential for 24 months following the 30-day filing
12 period unless the owner of the well gives written permission to the
13 commission to release the reports and information at an earlier date.
14 If the commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources finds that
15 the required reports and information contain significant information
16 relating to the valuation of unleased state land in the same vicinity,
17 he shall keep the reports and information confidential for a reason-
18 able time after the disposition of all affected unleased state land,
19 unless the owner of the well gives written permission to the commis-
20 sioner of the Department of Natural Resources to release the reports
21 and information at an earlier date. Well location, depth, status and
22 production data and production reports required by the commission to
23 be filed subsequent to the 30-day filing period shall be considered
24 public information and shall not be classified confidential. Produc-
25 tion data, as used in this subsection, means volume, gravity and gas-
26 oil ratio of all production of oil or gas after the well begins regular
27 production.

28 * Sec. 2. AS 31.05.035 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

29 (e) The reports and information kept confidential under this

1 section may be examined by authorized officers of the Department of
2 Natural Resources if such an examination is needed in the evaluation
3 of the state's resources. In this subsection, "authorized officers of
4 the Department of Natural Resources" means persons designated by the
5 commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources and approved by
6 the commission.

7 * Sec. 3. AS 31.05.060(b) is amended to read:

8 (b) Except as provided in this subsection, any action by the
9 commission under this chapter that has statewide or general application
10 shall be performed in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act
11 (AS 44.62). Any action by the commission under this chapter that has
12 application to a single well or single field need not comply with the
13 provisions of AS 44.62.330 - 44.62.630, but, when an exception from
14 the commission's regulations or conservation orders is requested, the
15 commission shall provide [SHALL BE PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGULA-
16 TIONS OF THE COMMISSION DESIGNED TO AFFORD] persons affected by the
17 action notice and an opportunity to be heard.

18 * Sec. 4. Section 5, ch. 158 SLA 1978 is amended to read:

19 All references in AS 31.05 to "department" or "Department of
20 Natural Resources," except in AS 31.05.026 and except in AS 31.05.035(c)
21 (as amended in this Act) and (e) (as added by this Act), shall be read
22 as "Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission" in order to implement
23 this Act.

24 * Sec. 5. This Act is retroactive to January 1, 1979.

25 * Sec. 6. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.-
26 10.070(c).