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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY ANDERSON AND HAYES

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 232

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 the leasing and exploration of
7 state land for oil and gas development; and providing
8 for an effective date."

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

10 * Section 1. FINDINGS. The legislature finds that AS 38.05.180(b) as
11 re-enacted in 1978 requires the commissioner of natural resources to annually
12 prepare and submit to the legislature, between the first and 15th day of each
13 regular legislative session, a proposed oil and gas leasing program, and that
14 in the same Act, the legislature enacted a transitional provision allowing
15 submission of the program on the 15th legislative day for the first year of
16 the Act's operation (sec. 7, ch. 155 SLA 1978). Formal submission of the
17 first proposed leasing program occurred on the 17th legislative day of the
18 first session of the Eleventh Legislature. The legislature further finds
19 that no prejudice to the intent of the Act requiring submission on a day
20 certain was occasioned by this minor variation from the time prescribed. The
21 legislature further finds that strict adherence to the time requirement would
22 impede the purpose of the Act and that waiver of the technical lack of time-
23 liness is in the public interest.

24 * Sec. 2. Section 7, ch. 155, SLA 1978 is amended to read:

25 Sec. 7. TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS. By the 20th [15TH] day of the
26 First Session of the Eleventh Legislature the commissioner of natural
27 resources shall submit a proposed oil and gas leasing program to the
28 legislature in accordance with AS 38.05.180(b), except that the proposed
29 program shall cover all areas to be leased in 1979 through 1983. No

1 lease, except as authorized under AS 38.05.180(d), shall be issued
2 during 1979, 1980, or 1981 unless the land to be leased was included in
3 this proposed leasing program.

4 * Sec. 3. Section 2 of this Act is retroactive to January 1, 1979.

5 * Sec. 4. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.10.-
6 070(c).

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