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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

2 SENATE CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 548 (Judiciary)

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to uninterpreted exploration data; and
7 providing for an effective date."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 38.05.180 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

10 (aa) In order to achieve the purposes of this chapter, the commis-
11 sioner may require a person conducting geophysical exploration for oil
12 or gas resources or drilling a stratigraphic test well on unleased state
13 land to provide the commissioner with access to and copies of all un-
14 interpreted exploration data acquired from these activities. The com-
15 missioner shall pay all reasonable costs of reproducing the data. The
16 commissioner shall keep confidential all uninterpreted exploration data
17 submitted to the department under this subsection and any reproduction,
18 analysis, processing, or interpretation of the uninterpreted exploration
19 data prepared by the department or by a third party on behalf of the
20 department which is based in whole or in part upon the uninterpreted
21 exploration data. An employee, agent, or contractor of the state, who
22 knowingly and wilfully reveals uninterpreted exploration data or infor-
23 mation that is required to be kept confidential under this subsection is
24 guilty of a class B felony upon conviction. Each agent or contractor of
25 the department who has access to uninterpreted exploration data or
26 information derived from uninterpreted exploration data submitted under
27 this subsection shall execute and post a bond in an amount determined by
28 the commissioner. The bond shall be to the benefit of the state and the
29 permittee. As used in this subsection, "uninterpreted exploration data"

1 (1) means

2 (A) field data that has been initially processed and is
3 ready for geologic and geophysical analysis;

4 (B) data that corresponds to the data that a geophysical
5 contractor would provide participants in a group seismic survey;
6 and

7 (2) includes associated material necessary to locate, identi-
8 fy, analyze, or interpret the field data.

9 * Sec. 2. AS 38.05.180(aa) added by sec. 1 of this Act applies to un-
10 interpreted exploration data acquired from geophysical surveys that were
11 commenced on unleased state land on or after January 1, 1982.

12 * Sec. 3. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.10.-
13 070(c).