

**SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 111(FIN)**

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BY THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Offered:  
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Sponsor(s): HOUSE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 "An Act relating to credits against the oil and gas production tax; relating to the  
2 applicability of certain credits earned under the oil and gas production tax to the tax on  
3 corporations; relating to tax credit certificates against the oil and gas production tax  
4 and the issuance and assignment of those certificates; relating to interest applicable to  
5 delinquent taxes; relating to lease expenditures; relating to the oil and gas tax credit  
6 fund; and providing for an effective date."

7 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

8 \* **Section 1.** AS 31.05.030(n) is amended to read:

9 (n) Upon request of the commissioner of revenue, the commission shall  
10 determine the commencement of regular production from a lease or property for  
11 purposes of AS 43.55.160(f) and (g) and 43.55.165(n).

12 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 43.05.225 is amended to read:

13 **Sec. 43.05.225. Interest.** Unless otherwise provided,

(1) a delinquent tax under this title

(A) [UNDER THIS TITLE,] before January 1, 2014, bears interest in each calendar quarter at the rate of five percentage points above the annual rate charged member banks for advances by the 12th Federal Reserve District as of the first day of that calendar quarter, or at the annual rate of 11 percent, whichever is greater, compounded quarterly as of the last day of that quarter;

(B) [UNDER THIS TITLE,] on and after January 1, 2014, and before January 1, 2018 [EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN (C) OF THIS PARAGRAPH], bears interest in each calendar quarter at the rate of three percentage points above the annual rate charged member banks for advances by the 12th Federal Reserve District as of the first day of that calendar quarter;

(C) [UNDER AS 43.55,] on and after January 1, 2018 [2017,

(i) FOR THE FIRST THREE YEARS AFTER A TAX BECOMES DELINQUENT], bears interest in each calendar quarter at the rate of three [SEVEN] percentage points above the annual rate charged member banks for advances by the 12th federal reserve district as of the first day of that calendar quarter, compounded quarterly as of the last day of that quarter; [AND

(ii) AFTER THE FIRST THREE YEARS AFTER A TAX BECOMES DELINQUENT, DOES NOT BEAR INTEREST;]

(2) the interest rate is 12 percent a year for

(A) delinquent fees payable under AS 05.15.095(c); and

(B) unclaimed property that is not timely paid or delivered, as allowed by AS 34.45.470(a).

\* **Sec. 3.** AS 43.20.044(a) is amended to read:

(a) A taxpayer may apply as a credit against the tax levied under this chapter

(1) the exploration incentive credit authorized by AS 27.30;

(2) an alternative tax credit for oil and gas exploration earned by the taxpayer under AS 43.55.025 for exploration expenditures incurred for work performed on or after July 1, 2016.

1 \* **Sec. 4.** AS 43.20.047(h) is amended to read:

2 (h) If the liquefied natural gas storage facility for which a credit was received  
3 under this section ceases commercial operation during the nine calendar years  
4 immediately following the calendar year in which the liquefied natural gas storage  
5 facility commences commercial operation, the tax liability under this chapter of the  
6 person who claimed the credit shall be increased, and a person not subject to the tax  
7 under this chapter that received a payment under (d) **or former** [AND] (e) of this  
8 section shall be liable to the state in the amount determined in this subsection. The  
9 amount of the increase in tax liability or liability to the state

10 (1) for a person subject to the tax under this chapter, shall be  
11 determined and assessed for the taxable year in which the liquefied natural gas storage  
12 facility ceases commercial operation, regardless of whether the liquefied natural gas  
13 storage facility subsequently resumes commercial operation;

14 (2) for a person not subject to the tax due under this chapter, shall be  
15 determined and assessed as of December 31 of the calendar year in which the liquefied  
16 natural gas storage facility ceases commercial operation, regardless of whether the  
17 liquefied natural gas storage facility subsequently resumes commercial operation; and

18 (3) is equal to the total amount of the credit taken or received as a  
19 payment under (d) of this section, as applicable, multiplied by a fraction, the  
20 numerator of which is the difference between 10 and the number of calendar years for  
21 which the liquefied natural gas storage facility was eligible for a tax credit under this  
22 section and the denominator of which is 10.

23 \* **Sec. 5.** AS 43.55.023(c) is amended to read:

24 (c) A credit or portion of a credit under this section

25 **(1)** may not be used to reduce a person's tax liability under  
26 AS 43.55.011(e) for any calendar year below zero;

27 **(2) may, if** [, AND ANY UNUSED CREDIT OR PORTION OF A  
28 CREDIT] not used under this subsection, [MAY] be applied in a later calendar year;

29 **(3) may, regardless of when the credit was earned, be used to**  
30 **satisfy a tax, interest, penalty, fee, or other charge that**

31 **(A) is related to the tax due under this chapter for a prior**

1                    **year, except for a surcharge under AS 43.55.201 - 43.55.299 or 43.55.300**  
 2                    **or the tax levied under AS 43.55.011(i); and**  
 3                    **(B) has not, for the purpose of art. IX, sec. 17(a),**  
 4                    **Constitution of the State of Alaska, been subject to an administrative**  
 5                    **proceeding or litigation.**

6                    \* **Sec. 6.** AS 43.55.023(d) is amended to read:

7                    (d) A person that is entitled to take a tax credit under this section that wishes  
 8                    to transfer the unused credit to another person or, **for a credit for work performed**  
 9                    **before January 1, 2018,** obtain a cash payment under AS 43.55.028 may apply to the  
 10                    department for a transferable tax credit certificate. An application under this  
 11                    subsection must be in a form prescribed by the department and must include  
 12                    supporting information and documentation that the department reasonably requires.  
 13                    The department shall grant or deny an application, or grant an application as to a lesser  
 14                    amount than that claimed and deny it as to the excess, not later than 120 days after the  
 15                    latest of (1) March 31 of the year following the calendar year in which the qualified  
 16                    capital expenditure or carried-forward annual loss for which the credit is claimed was  
 17                    incurred; (2) the date the statement required under AS 43.55.030(a) or (e) was filed for  
 18                    the calendar year in which the qualified capital expenditure or carried-forward annual  
 19                    loss for which the credit is claimed was incurred; or (3) the date the application was  
 20                    received by the department. If, based on the information then available to it, the  
 21                    department is reasonably satisfied that the applicant is entitled to a credit, the  
 22                    department shall issue the applicant a transferable tax credit certificate for the amount  
 23                    of the credit. A certificate issued under this subsection does not expire.

24                    \* **Sec. 7.** AS 43.55.023(d), as amended by sec. 6 of this Act, is amended to read:

25                    (d) A person that is entitled to take a tax credit under this section that wishes  
 26                    to transfer the unused credit to another person [OR, FOR A CREDIT FOR WORK  
 27                    PERFORMED BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2018, OBTAIN A CASH PAYMENT  
 28                    UNDER AS 43.55.028] may apply to the department for a transferable tax credit  
 29                    certificate. An application under this subsection must be in a form prescribed by the  
 30                    department and must include supporting information and documentation that the  
 31                    department reasonably requires. The department shall grant or deny an application, or

1 grant an application as to a lesser amount than that claimed and deny it as to the  
2 excess, not later than 120 days after the latest of (1) March 31 of the year following  
3 the calendar year in which the qualified capital expenditure or carried-forward annual  
4 loss for which the credit is claimed was incurred; (2) the date the statement required  
5 under AS 43.55.030(a) or (e) was filed for the calendar year in which the qualified  
6 capital expenditure or carried-forward annual loss for which the credit is claimed was  
7 incurred; or (3) the date the application was received by the department. If, based on  
8 the information then available to it, the department is reasonably satisfied that the  
9 applicant is entitled to a credit, the department shall issue the applicant a transferable  
10 tax credit certificate for the amount of the credit. A certificate issued under this  
11 subsection does not expire.

12 \* **Sec. 8.** AS 43.55.023(e) is amended to read:

13 (e) A person to which a transferable tax credit certificate is issued under (d) of  
14 this section may transfer the certificate to another person, and a transferee may further  
15 transfer the certificate. Subject to the limitations set out in (a) - (d) of this section, and  
16 notwithstanding any action the department may take with respect to the applicant  
17 under (g) of this section, the owner of a certificate may apply the credit or a portion of  
18 the credit shown on the certificate

19 **(1)** [ONLY] against a tax levied by AS 43.55.011(e); **however** [  
20 HOWEVER], a credit shown on a transferable tax credit certificate may not be applied  
21 **under this paragraph** to reduce a transferee's total tax liability under  
22 AS 43.55.011(e) for oil and gas produced during a calendar year to less than 80  
23 percent of the tax that would otherwise be due without applying that credit; **any** [  
24 ANY] portion of a credit not used under this **paragraph** [SUBSECTION] may be  
25 applied in a later period; **or**

26 **(2) regardless of when the credit was earned, to satisfy a tax,**  
27 **interest, penalty, fee, or other charge that**

28 **(A) is related to the tax due under this chapter, except for a**  
29 **surcharge under AS 43.55.201 - 43.55.299 or 43.55.300 or the tax levied**  
30 **under AS 43.55.011(i);**

31 **(B) is for a calendar year before the year in which the**

1 **certificate is applied; and**

2 **(C) has not, for the purpose of art. IX, sec. 17(a),**  
3 **Constitution of the State of Alaska, been subject to an administrative**  
4 **proceeding or litigation.**

5 \* **Sec. 9.** AS 43.55.023(g) is amended to read:

6 (g) The issuance of a transferable tax credit certificate under (d) of this section  
7 or former (m) of this section [OR THE PURCHASE OF A CERTIFICATE UNDER  
8 AS 43.55.028] does not limit the department's ability to later audit a tax credit claim to  
9 which the certificate relates or to adjust the claim if the department determines, as a  
10 result of the audit, that the applicant was not entitled to the amount of the credit for  
11 which the certificate was issued. The tax liability of the applicant under  
12 AS 43.55.011(e) and 43.55.017 - 43.55.180 is increased by the amount of the credit  
13 that exceeds that to which the applicant was entitled, or the applicant's available valid  
14 outstanding credits applicable against the tax levied by AS 43.55.011(e) are reduced  
15 by that amount. If the applicant's tax liability is increased under this subsection, the  
16 increase bears interest under AS 43.05.225 from the date the transferable tax credit  
17 certificate was issued. For purposes of this subsection, an applicant that is an explorer  
18 is considered a producer subject to the tax levied by AS 43.55.011(e).

19 \* **Sec. 10.** AS 43.55.025(a) is amended to read:

20 (a) Subject to the terms and conditions of this section, a credit against the  
21 [PRODUCTION] tax levied by AS 43.55.011(e) **or, if the credit is for exploration**  
22 **expenditures incurred for work performed on or after July 1, 2016, against the**  
23 **tax levied by AS 43.20** is allowed for exploration expenditures that qualify under (b)  
24 of this section in an amount equal to one of the following:

25 (1) 30 percent of the total exploration expenditures that qualify only  
26 under (b) and (c) of this section;

27 (2) 30 percent of the total exploration expenditures that qualify only  
28 under (b) and (d) of this section;

29 (3) 40 percent of the total exploration expenditures that qualify under  
30 (b), (c), and (d) of this section;

31 (4) 40 percent of the total exploration expenditures that qualify only

1 under (b) and (e) of this section;

2 (5) 80, 90, or 100 percent, or a lesser amount described in (l) of this  
3 section, of the total exploration expenditures described in (b)(1) and (2) of this section  
4 and not excluded by (b)(3) and (4) of this section that qualify only under (l) of this  
5 section;

6 (6) the lesser of \$25,000,000 or 80 percent of the total exploration  
7 drilling expenditures described in (m) of this section and that qualify under (b) and  
8 (c)(1), (c)(2)(A), and (c)(2)(C) of this section; or

9 (7) the lesser of \$7,500,000 or 75 percent of the total seismic  
10 exploration expenditures described in (n) of this section and that qualify under (b) of  
11 this section.

12 \* **Sec. 11.** AS 43.55.025(a), as amended by sec. 10 of this Act, is amended to read:

13 (a) Subject to the terms and conditions of this section, a credit against the tax  
14 levied by AS 43.55.011(e) or, if the credit is for exploration expenditures incurred for  
15 work performed on or after July 1, 2016, against the tax levied by AS 43.20 is allowed  
16 for exploration expenditures that qualify under (b) of this section in an amount equal  
17 to one of the following:

18 (1) 30 percent of the total exploration expenditures that qualify only  
19 under (b) and (c) of this section;

20 (2) 30 percent of the total exploration expenditures that qualify only  
21 under (b) and (d) of this section;

22 (3) 40 percent of the total exploration expenditures that qualify under  
23 (b), (c), and (d) of this section;

24 (4) 40 percent of the total exploration expenditures that qualify only  
25 under (b) and (e) of this section;

26 (5) 80, 90, or 100 percent, or a lesser amount described in (l) of this  
27 section, of the total exploration expenditures described in **(b)(2) and (3)** [(b)(1) AND  
28 (2)] of this section and not excluded by **(b)(4) and (5)** [(b)(3) AND (4)] of this section  
29 that qualify only under (l) of this section;

30 (6) the lesser of \$25,000,000 or 80 percent of the total exploration  
31 drilling expenditures described in (m) of this section and that qualify under (b) and

1 (c)(1), (c)(2)(A), and (c)(2)(C) of this section; or

2 (7) the lesser of \$7,500,000 or 75 percent of the total seismic  
3 exploration expenditures described in (n) of this section and that qualify under (b) of  
4 this section.

5 \* **Sec. 12.** AS 43.55.025(b) is amended to read:

6 (b) To qualify for the production tax credit under (a) of this section, an  
7 exploration expenditure

8 **(1)** must be incurred for work performed after June 30, 2008, and  
9 before July 1, 2016, except that, [TO QUALIFY FOR THE PRODUCTION TAX  
10 CREDIT UNDER (a)(1), (2), (3), OR (4) OF THIS SECTION] for exploration  
11 conducted outside of the Cook Inlet sedimentary basin and south of 68 degrees North  
12 latitude, **to qualify for the production tax credit under**

13 **(A) (a)(1), (2), or (3) of this section,** an exploration  
14 expenditure must be incurred for work performed after June 30, 2008, and  
15 before January 1, 2022; [,] and

16 **(B) (a)(4) of this section, an exploration expenditure must**  
17 **be incurred for work performed after June 30, 2008, and before**  
18 **January 1, 2018;**

19 **(2)** [(1)] may be for seismic or other geophysical exploration costs not  
20 connected with a specific well;

21 **(3)** [(2)] if for an exploration well,

22 (A) must be incurred by an explorer that holds an interest in the  
23 exploration well for which the production tax credit is claimed;

24 (B) may be for either a well that encounters an oil or gas  
25 deposit or a dry hole;

26 (C) must be for a well that has been completed, suspended, or  
27 abandoned at the time the explorer claims the tax credit under (f) of this  
28 section; and

29 (D) must be for goods, services, or rentals of personal property  
30 reasonably required for the surface preparation, drilling, casing, cementing,  
31 and logging of an exploration well, and, in the case of a dry hole, for the

1 expenses required for abandonment if the well is abandoned within 18 months  
2 after the date the well was spudded;

3 (4) [(3)] may not be for administration, supervision, engineering, or  
4 lease operating costs; geological or management costs; community relations or  
5 environmental costs; bonuses, taxes, or other payments to governments related to the  
6 well; costs, including repairs and replacements, arising from or associated with fraud,  
7 wilful misconduct, gross negligence, criminal negligence, or violation of law,  
8 including a violation of 33 U.S.C. 1319(c)(1) or 1321(b)(3) (Clean Water Act); or  
9 other costs that are generally recognized as indirect costs or financing costs; and

10 (5) [(4)] may not be incurred for an exploration well or seismic  
11 exploration that is included in a plan of exploration or a plan of development for any  
12 unit before May 14, 2003.

13 \* **Sec. 13.** AS 43.55.025(f) is amended to read:

14 (f) For a production tax credit under this section,

15 (1) an explorer shall, in a form prescribed by the department and,  
16 except for a credit under (k) of this section, within six months of the completion of the  
17 exploration activity, claim the credit and submit information sufficient to demonstrate  
18 to the department's satisfaction that the claimed exploration expenditures qualify under  
19 this section; in addition, the explorer shall submit information necessary for the  
20 commissioner of natural resources to evaluate the validity of the explorer's compliance  
21 with the requirements of this section;

22 (2) an explorer shall agree, in writing,

23 (A) to notify the Department of Natural Resources, within 30  
24 days after completion of seismic or geophysical data processing, completion of  
25 well drilling, or filing of a claim for credit, whichever is the latest, for which  
26 exploration costs are claimed, of the date of completion and submit a report to  
27 that department describing the processing sequence and providing a list of data  
28 sets available;

29 (B) to provide to the Department of Natural Resources, within  
30 30 days after the date of a request, unless a longer period is provided by the  
31 Department of Natural Resources, specific data sets, ancillary data, and reports

1 identified in (A) of this paragraph; in this subparagraph,

2 (i) a seismic or geophysical data set includes the data  
3 for an entire seismic survey, irrespective of whether the survey area  
4 covers nonstate land in addition to state land or land in a unit in  
5 addition to land outside a unit;

6 (ii) well data include all analyses conducted on physical  
7 material, and well logs collected from the well, results, and copies of  
8 data collected and data analyses for the well, including well logs;  
9 sample analyses; testing geophysical and velocity data including  
10 seismic profiles and check shot surveys; testing data and analyses; age  
11 data; geochemical analyses; and tangible material;

12 (C) that, notwithstanding any provision of AS 38, information  
13 provided under this paragraph will be held confidential by the Department of  
14 Natural Resources,

15 (i) in the case of well data, until the expiration of the  
16 24-month period of confidentiality described in AS 31.05.035(c), at  
17 which time the Department of Natural Resources will release the  
18 information after 30 days' public notice unless, in the discretion of the  
19 commissioner of natural resources, it is necessary to protect  
20 information relating to the valuation of unleased acreage in the same  
21 vicinity, or unless the well is on private land and the owner, including  
22 the lessor but not the lessee, of the oil and gas resources has not given  
23 permission to release the well data;

24 (ii) in the case of seismic or other geophysical data,  
25 other than seismic data acquired by seismic exploration subject to (k) of  
26 this section, for 10 years following the completion date, at which time  
27 the Department of Natural Resources will release the information after  
28 30 days' public notice, except as to seismic or other geophysical data  
29 acquired from private land, unless the owner, including a lessor but not  
30 a lessee, of the oil and gas resources in the private land gives  
31 permission to release the seismic or other geophysical data associated

1 with the private land;

2 (iii) in the case of seismic data obtained by seismic  
3 exploration subject to (k) of this section, only until the expiration of 30  
4 days' public notice issued on or after the date the production tax credit  
5 certificate is issued under (5) of this subsection;

6 (3) if more than one explorer holds an interest in a well or seismic  
7 exploration, each explorer may claim an amount of credit that is proportional to the  
8 explorer's cost incurred;

9 (4) the department may exercise the full extent of its powers as though  
10 the explorer were a taxpayer under this title, in order to verify that the claimed  
11 expenditures are qualified exploration expenditures under this section; and

12 (5) if the department is satisfied that the explorer's claimed  
13 expenditures are qualified under this section and that all data required to be submitted  
14 under this section have been submitted, the department shall issue to the explorer a  
15 production tax credit certificate for the amount of credit to be allowed against  
16 production taxes levied by AS 43.55.011(e) **and, if the credit is for exploration**  
17 **expenditures incurred for work performed on or after July 1, 2016, against taxes**  
18 **levied by AS 43.20**; notwithstanding any contrary provision of AS 38, AS 40.25.100,  
19 or AS 43.05.230, the following information is not confidential:

20 (A) the explorer's name;

21 (B) the date of the application;

22 (C) the location of the well or seismic exploration;

23 (D) the date of the department's issuance of the certificate; and

24 (E) the date on which the information required to be submitted

25 under this section will be released.

26 \* **Sec. 14.** AS 43.55.025(g) is amended to read:

27 (g) An explorer, other than an entity that is exempt from taxation under this  
28 chapter, may transfer, convey, or sell its production tax credit certificate to any person,  
29 and any person who receives a production tax credit certificate may also transfer,  
30 convey, or sell the certificate. **A production tax credit certificate that is**  
31 **transferred, conveyed, or sold under this section may not be applied against the**

1           **tax levied by AS 43.20.**

2           \* **Sec. 15.** AS 43.55.025(h) is amended to read:

3                   (h) A producer that purchases a production tax credit certificate may apply the  
4                   credits against its production tax levied by AS 43.55.011(e). Regardless of the price  
5                   the producer paid for the certificate, the producer may receive a credit against its  
6                   production tax liability for the full amount of the credit, but for not more than the  
7                   amount for which the certificate is issued. A production tax credit **or a portion of a**  
8                   **production tax credit or a production tax credit certificate or a portion of a**  
9                   **production tax credit certificate** allowed under this section

10                               **(1) may not be applied more than once;**

11                               **(2) may be applied in a later calendar year;**

12                               **(3) may, regardless of when the credit was earned, be used to**  
13                   **satisfy a tax, interest, penalty, fee, or other charge that**

14                                       **(A) is related to the tax due under this chapter for a prior**  
15                   **year, except for a surcharge under AS 43.55.201 - 43.55.299 or 43.55.300**  
16                   **or the tax levied under AS 43.55.011(i); and**

17                                       **(B) has not, for the purpose of art. IX, sec. 17(a),**  
18                   **Constitution of the State of Alaska, been subject to an administrative**  
19                   **proceeding or litigation.**

20           \* **Sec. 16.** AS 43.55.025(i) is amended to read:

21                   (i) For a production tax credit under this section,

22                               (1) a credit may not be applied to reduce a taxpayer's tax liability under  
23                   AS 43.55.011(e) below zero for a calendar year;

24                               **(2) if the production tax credit is for exploration expenditures**  
25                   **incurred for work performed on or after July 1, 2016, the explorer may apply the**  
26                   **credit to reduce the explorer's tax liability under AS 43.20, except that the credit**  
27                   **may not be applied to reduce the explorer's tax liability under AS 43.20 below**  
28                   **zero for a tax year;** and

29                               **(3) [(2)]** an amount of the production tax credit in excess of the amount  
30                   that may be applied for a calendar **or tax** year under this subsection may be carried  
31                   forward and applied against the taxpayer's tax liability under AS 43.55.011(e) in one

1 or more later calendar years or under AS 43.20 in one or more later tax years.

2 \* **Sec. 17.** AS 43.55.025(k) is amended to read:

3 (k) Subject to the terms and conditions of this section, if a claim is filed under  
4 (f)(1) of this section before January 1, 2016, a credit against the production tax levied  
5 by AS 43.55.011(e) is allowed in an amount equal to five percent of an eligible  
6 expenditure under this subsection incurred for seismic exploration performed before  
7 July 1, 2003. To be eligible under this subsection, an expenditure must

8 (1) have been for seismic exploration that

9 (A) obtained data that the commissioner of natural resources  
10 considers to be in the best interest of the state to acquire for public distribution;  
11 and

12 (B) was conducted outside the boundaries of a production unit;  
13 however, the amount of the expenditure that is otherwise eligible under this  
14 section is reduced proportionately by the portion of the seismic exploration  
15 activity that crossed into a production unit; and

16 (2) qualify under (b)(4) [(b)(3)] of this section.

17 \* **Sec. 18.** AS 43.55.025 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

18 (q) On the day on which an application for a tax credit certificate is submitted  
19 under (f) of this section, the department shall issue to the explorer a conditional tax  
20 credit certificate. A conditional tax credit certificate under this subsection

21 (1) may be used to apply for the purchase of a tax credit certificate  
22 under AS 43.55.028(e);

23 (2) may not be sold, transferred, or conveyed;

24 (3) has no value; and

25 (4) expires on the day on which the department issues a transferable  
26 tax credit certificate under (f) of this section.

27 \* **Sec. 19.** AS 43.55.028(a) is amended to read:

28 (a) The oil and gas tax credit fund is established as a separate fund of the state.  
29 The purpose of the fund is to purchase transferable tax credit certificates issued under  
30 AS 43.55.023 and production tax credit certificates issued under AS 43.55.025 and to  
31 pay refunds and payments claimed under AS 43.20.046, 43.20.047, or 43.20.053. **The**

1 **oil and gas tax credit fund established under this subsection may not be used to**  
 2 **purchase a tax credit certificate for a credit earned under this chapter for activity**  
 3 **occurring on or after January 1, 2018.**

4 \* **Sec. 20.** AS 43.55.028(e) is amended to read:

5 (e) The department, on the written application of a person to whom a  
 6 transferable tax credit certificate has been issued under AS 43.55.023(d) or former  
 7 AS 43.55.023(m) or to whom a production tax credit certificate has been issued under  
 8 AS 43.55.025(f), may use available money in the oil and gas tax credit fund to  
 9 purchase, in whole or in part, the certificate. **For purposes of this subsection, the**  
 10 **department may, at the time of application, accept from an explorer a conditional**  
 11 **tax credit certificate issued under AS 43.55.025(q); however, the department may**  
 12 **not purchase a conditional tax credit certificate.** The department may not purchase  
 13 a total of more than \$70,000,000 in tax credit certificates from a person in a calendar  
 14 year. Before purchasing a certificate or part of a certificate, the department shall find  
 15 that

16 (1) the calendar year of the purchase is not earlier than the first  
 17 calendar year for which the credit shown on the certificate would otherwise be allowed  
 18 to be applied against a tax;

19 (2) the application is not the result of the division of a single entity into  
 20 multiple entities that would reasonably be expected to apply as a single entity if the  
 21 \$70,000,000 limitation in this subsection did not exist;

22 (3) the applicant's total tax liability under AS 43.55.011(e), after  
 23 application of all available tax credits, for the calendar year in which the application is  
 24 made is zero;

25 (4) the applicant's average daily production of oil and gas taxable  
 26 under AS 43.55.011(e) during the calendar year preceding the calendar year in which  
 27 the application is made was not more than 50,000 BTU equivalent barrels; and

28 (5) the purchase is consistent with this section and regulations adopted  
 29 under this section.

30 \* **Sec. 21.** AS 43.55.028(e), as amended by sec. 20 of this Act, is amended to read:

31 (e) The department, on the written application of a person to whom a

1 transferable tax credit certificate has been issued under AS 43.55.023(d) or former  
2 AS 43.55.023(m) **for work performed before January 1, 2018,** or to whom a  
3 production tax credit certificate has been issued under AS 43.55.025(f) **for work**  
4 **performed before January 1, 2018,** may use available money in the oil and gas tax  
5 credit fund to purchase, in whole or in part, the certificate. For purposes of this  
6 subsection, the department may, at the time of application, accept from an explorer a  
7 conditional tax credit certificate issued under AS 43.55.025(q); however, the  
8 department may not purchase a conditional tax credit certificate. The department may  
9 not purchase a total of more than \$70,000,000 in tax credit certificates from a person  
10 in a calendar year. Before purchasing a certificate or part of a certificate, the  
11 department shall find that

12 (1) the calendar year of the purchase is not earlier than the first  
13 calendar year for which the credit shown on the certificate would otherwise be allowed  
14 to be applied against a tax;

15 (2) the application is not the result of the division of a single entity into  
16 multiple entities that would reasonably be expected to apply as a single entity if the  
17 \$70,000,000 limitation in this subsection did not exist;

18 (3) the applicant's total tax liability under AS 43.55.011(e), after  
19 application of all available tax credits, for the calendar year in which the application is  
20 made is zero;

21 (4) the applicant's average daily production of oil and gas taxable  
22 under AS 43.55.011(e) during the calendar year preceding the calendar year in which  
23 the application is made was not more than 50,000 BTU equivalent barrels; and

24 (5) the purchase is consistent with this section and regulations adopted  
25 under this section.

26 \* **Sec. 22.** AS 43.55.029(a) is amended to read:

27 (a) An explorer or producer that has applied for a production tax credit under  
28 **AS 43.55.023(a) or (l)** [AS 43.55.023(a), (b), OR (l)] or 43.55.025(a) may make a  
29 present assignment of the production tax credit certificate expected to be issued by the  
30 department to a third-party assignee. The assignment may be made either at the time  
31 the application is filed with the department or not later than 30 days after the date of

1 filing with the department. Once a notice of assignment in compliance with this  
2 section is filed with the department, the assignment is irrevocable and cannot be  
3 modified by the explorer or producer without the written consent of the assignee  
4 named in the assignment. If a production tax credit certificate is issued to the explorer  
5 or producer, the notice of assignment remains effective and shall be filed with the  
6 department by the explorer or producer together with any application for the  
7 department to purchase the certificate under AS 43.55.028(e).

8 \* **Sec. 23.** AS 43.55.160(d) is amended to read:

9 (d) Irrespective of whether a producer produces taxable oil or gas during a  
10 calendar year or month, the producer is considered to have generated a positive  
11 production tax value if a calculation described in (a) of this section yields a positive  
12 number because the producer's adjusted lease expenditures for a calendar year under  
13 AS 43.55.165 and 43.55.170 are less than zero as a result of the producer's receiving a  
14 payment or credit under AS 43.55.170. An explorer that has [TAKEN A TAX  
15 CREDIT UNDER AS 43.55.023(b) OR THAT HAS] obtained a transferable tax credit  
16 certificate under AS 43.55.023(d) for the amount of a tax credit under **former**  
17 AS 43.55.023(b) is considered a producer, subject to the tax levied under  
18 AS 43.55.011(e), to the extent that the explorer generates a positive production tax  
19 value as the result of the explorer's receiving a payment or credit under AS 43.55.170.

20 \* **Sec. 24.** AS 43.55.160(e) is amended to read:

21 (e) Any adjusted lease expenditures under AS 43.55.165 and 43.55.170  
22 **incurred to explore for, develop, or produce oil or gas from a lease or property**  
23 **outside the Cook Inlet sedimentary basin** that would otherwise be deductible by a  
24 producer in a calendar year but whose deduction would cause an annual production tax  
25 value calculated under (a)(1) or (h) of this section of taxable oil or gas produced  
26 during the calendar year to be less than zero may be used to establish a carried-  
27 forward annual loss under **AS 43.55.165(a)(3). A reduction under (f) or (g) of this**  
28 **section must be added back to the calculation of production tax values for the**  
29 **calendar year before the determination of a carried-forward annual loss under**  
30 **this subsection** [AS 43.55.023(b)]. However, the department shall provide by  
31 regulation a method to ensure that, for a period for which a producer's tax liability is

1 limited by AS 43.55.011(o) or (p) [AS 43.55.011(j), (k), (o), OR (p)], any adjusted  
2 lease expenditures under AS 43.55.165 and 43.55.170 that would otherwise be  
3 deductible by a producer for that period but whose deduction would cause a  
4 production tax value calculated under (a)(1)(E) or (F) or (h)(3) [(a)(1)(C), (D), (E),  
5 OR (F), OR (h)(3)] of this section to be less than zero are accounted for as though the  
6 adjusted lease expenditures had first been used as deductions in calculating the  
7 production tax values of oil or gas subject to any of the limitations under  
8 AS 43.55.011(o) or (p) [AS 43.55.011(j), (k), (o), OR (p)] that have positive  
9 production tax values so as to reduce the tax liability calculated without regard to the  
10 limitation to the maximum amount provided for under the applicable provision of  
11 AS 43.55.011(o) or (p) [AS 43.55.011(j), (k), (o), OR (p)]. Only the amount of those  
12 adjusted lease expenditures remaining after the accounting provided for under this  
13 subsection may be used to establish a carried-forward annual loss under  
14 AS 43.55.165(a)(3) [AS 43.55.023(b)]. In this subsection, "producer" includes  
15 "explorer."

16 \* **Sec. 25.** AS 43.55.165(a), as amended by sec. 29, ch. 4, 4SSLA 2016, is amended to read:

17 (a) For purposes of this chapter, a producer's lease expenditures for a calendar  
18 year are

19 (1) costs, other than items listed in (e) of this section, that are

20 (A) incurred by the producer during the calendar year after  
21 March 31, 2006, to explore for, develop, or produce oil or gas deposits located  
22 within the producer's leases or properties in the state or, in the case of land in  
23 which the producer does not own an operating right, operating interest, or  
24 working interest, to explore for oil or gas deposits within other land in the  
25 state; and

26 (B) allowed by the department by regulation, based on the  
27 department's determination that the costs satisfy the following three  
28 requirements:

29 (i) the costs must be incurred upstream of the point of  
30 production of oil and gas;

31 (ii) the costs must be ordinary and necessary costs of

1 exploring for, developing, or producing, as applicable, oil or gas  
2 deposits; and

3 (iii) the costs must be direct costs of exploring for,  
4 developing, or producing, as applicable, oil or gas deposits; [AND]

5 (2) a reasonable allowance for that calendar year, as determined under  
6 regulations adopted by the department, for overhead expenses that are directly related  
7 to exploring for, developing, or producing, as applicable, the oil or gas deposits; **and**

8 **(3) lease expenditures incurred in a previous calendar year,**  
9 **subject to (m) - (o) of this section, that**

10 **(A) met the requirements of AS 43.55.160(e) in the year in**  
11 **which the lease expenditures were incurred;**

12 **(B) have not been deducted in the determination of the**  
13 **production tax value of oil and gas under AS 43.55.160(a) or (h) in a**  
14 **previous calendar year;**

15 **(C) were not the basis of a credit under this title; and**

16 **(D) were incurred to explore for, develop, or produce an oil**  
17 **or gas deposit located in the state outside the Cook Inlet sedimentary**  
18 **basin.**

19 \* **Sec. 26.** AS 43.55.165(f) is amended to read:

20 (f) For purposes of AS 43.55.023(a) [AND (b)] and only as to expenditures  
21 incurred to explore for an oil or gas deposit located within land in which an explorer  
22 does not own a working interest, the term "producer" in this section includes  
23 "explorer."

24 \* **Sec. 27.** AS 43.55.165(l) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

25 (4) "carried-forward annual loss" means a loss established under (a)(3)  
26 of this section.

27 \* **Sec. 28.** AS 43.55.165 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

28 (m) In a calendar year, after application of a producer's lease expenditures that  
29 are incurred in that calendar year, the producer may choose to apply all or a portion of  
30 a carried-forward annual loss or carry it forward. The department may not require a  
31 producer to apply all or a portion of a carried-forward annual loss in a calendar year.

1 (n) In a calendar year before the commencement of regular production of oil  
2 or gas from the lease or property where the lease expenditure resulting in a carried-  
3 forward annual loss was incurred, not more than 50 percent of the amount of a carried-  
4 forward annual loss calculated under AS 43.55.160(e) may be applied to reduce a  
5 taxpayer's gross value at the point of production. Beginning in the calendar year when  
6 regular production of oil or gas from the lease or property where the lease expenditure  
7 resulting in a carried-forward annual loss was incurred commences, the restriction  
8 described in this subsection no longer applies. The Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation  
9 Commission shall determine when regular production commences for the purposes of  
10 this subsection.

11 (o) During a calendar year in which a taxpayer's liability under  
12 AS 43.55.011(e) is determined under AS 43.55.011(f), the maximum amount of  
13 carried-forward annual loss that a taxpayer may apply in that year is equal to the  
14 amount, when combined with the lease expenditures of the current year, necessary to  
15 reduce the amount calculated under AS 43.55.011(e) to the equivalent amount of tax  
16 due under AS 43.55.011(f). An amount of carried-forward annual loss not applied  
17 under this subsection may continue to be carried forward.

18 \* **Sec. 29.** AS 43.55.170(c) is amended to read:

19 (c) For purposes of AS 43.55.023(a) [AND (b)] and only as to expenditures  
20 incurred to explore for an oil or gas deposit located within land in which an explorer  
21 does not own a working interest, the term "producer" in this section includes  
22 "explorer."

23 \* **Sec. 30.** AS 43.55.023(b) is repealed January 1, 2018.

24 \* **Sec. 31.** AS 43.05.230(l); AS 43.20.046(e), 43.20.047(e), 43.20.053(e); AS 43.55.028,  
25 and 43.55.029 are repealed.

26 \* **Sec. 32.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
27 read:

28 **APPLICABILITY: TAX CREDITS UNDER AS 43.55.025 APPLIED AGAINST**  
29 **TAX DUE UNDER AS 43.20.** AS 43.20.044(a), as amended by sec. 3 of this Act,  
30 AS 43.55.025(a), (f), (g), and (i), as amended by secs. 10, 13, 14, and 16 of this Act, apply to  
31 a tax credit that has been earned under AS 43.55.025, regardless of when the credit was

1 earned.

2 \* **Sec. 33.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
3 read:

4 **APPLICABILITY: TAX CREDIT AND CREDIT CERTIFICATE CARRYBACK.**  
5 AS 43.55.023(c), as amended by sec. 5 of this Act, AS 43.55.023(e), as amended by sec. 8 of  
6 this Act, and AS 43.55.025(h), as amended by sec. 15 of this Act, apply to a tax credit earned  
7 or transferable tax credit certificate issued under AS 43.55.023 or a production tax credit  
8 certificate issued under AS 43.55.025(f), regardless of when the credit was earned or the  
9 certificate was issued.

10 \* **Sec. 34.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
11 read:

12 **APPLICABILITY: LEASE EXPENDITURES.** AS 43.55.165(a)(3) and 43.55.165(m)  
13 - (o), added by secs. 25 and 28 of this Act, apply to a lease expenditure incurred on or after  
14 the effective date of secs. 25 and 28 of this Act.

15 \* **Sec. 35.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
16 read:

17 **TRANSITION: INTEREST ON DELINQUENT TAXES.** Notwithstanding the  
18 effective date of sec. 2 of this Act, a delinquent tax under AS 43.55 bears interest in each  
19 calendar quarter of 2017 as provided under AS 43.05.225(1) as that paragraph read on the day  
20 before the effective date of sec. 2 of this Act.

21 \* **Sec. 36.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
22 read:

23 **TRANSITION: PUBLIC INFORMATION UNDER AS 43.05.230(l).**  
24 Notwithstanding the repeal of AS 43.05.230(l) by sec. 31 of this Act, on April 30 of the year  
25 following the calendar year in which sec. 31 of this Act takes effect, the Department of  
26 Revenue shall make public the information required under AS 43.05.230(l), as that section  
27 read on the day before the effective date of sec. 31 of this Act.

28 \* **Sec. 37.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
29 read:

30 **TRANSITION: CARRIED-FORWARD ANNUAL LOSSES.** (a) Notwithstanding the  
31 repeal of AS 43.55.023(b) by sec. 30 of this Act and the amendments to AS 43.55.160(d) and

1 (e), 43.55.165(f), and 43.55.170(c) by secs. 23, 24, 26, and 29 of this Act, a taxpayer who  
2 incurs a carried-forward annual loss before the repeal of AS 43.55.023(b) by sec. 30 of this  
3 Act that qualifies for a carried-forward annual loss credit under AS 43.55.023(b) may apply  
4 for a credit or tax credit certificate under AS 43.55.023(d), subject to the requirements of  
5 AS 43.55.160(d) and (e), as those subsections read on the day before the repeal of  
6 AS 43.55.023(b) by sec. 30 of this Act.

7 (b) The Department of Revenue may continue to apply and enforce AS 43.55.023(b),  
8 as that subsection read on the day before the repeal of AS 43.55.023(b) by sec. 30 of this Act,  
9 for a carried-forward annual loss incurred before the repeal of AS 43.55.023(b) by sec. 30 of  
10 this Act.

11 \* **Sec. 38.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
12 read:

13 TRANSITION: OIL AND GAS CREDIT FUND. Subject to appropriation, the  
14 balance of the oil and gas tax credit fund created under AS 43.55.028(a) and repealed by sec.  
15 31 of this Act lapses into the general fund.

16 \* **Sec. 39.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
17 read:

18 TRANSITION: RETROACTIVITY OF REGULATIONS. Notwithstanding any  
19 contrary provision of AS 44.62.240, if the Department of Revenue expressly designates in a  
20 regulation that the regulation applies retroactively, a regulation adopted by the Department of  
21 Revenue to implement, interpret, make specific, or otherwise carry out this Act may apply  
22 retroactively to the effective date of the law implemented by the regulation.

23 \* **Sec. 40.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
24 read:

25 CONDITIONAL EFFECT; NOTIFICATION. (a) Sections 4, 7, 9, 31, 36, and 38 of  
26 this Act take effect only if the commissioner of revenue notifies the revisor of statutes in  
27 writing as required under (b) of this section.

28 (b) The commissioner of revenue shall notify the revisor of statutes in writing when

29 (1) there are no outstanding applications for purchase of tax credit certificates  
30 or claims for refunds or payments for which payment has not been made under  
31 AS 43.55.028(e); and

1 (2) it has been at least one year since a person has applied for a purchase,  
2 payment, or refund under AS 43.55.028.

3 (c) In this section,

4 (1) "claim for refund or payment" means a refund and payment claimed under  
5 AS 43.20.046, 43.20.047, or 43.20.053 subject to payment under AS 43.55.028;

6 (2) "tax credit certificate" means a transferable tax credit certificate issued  
7 under AS 43.55.023 or a production tax credit certificate issued under AS 43.55.025 subject  
8 to purchase under AS 43.55.028.

9 \* **Sec. 41.** Sections 3, 5, 8, 10, 13 - 16, 18, 20, 32, 33, 39, and 40 of this Act take effect  
10 immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).

11 \* **Sec. 42.** Section 25 of this Act takes effect on the effective date of sec. 29, ch. 4, 4SSLA  
12 2016.

13 \* **Sec. 43.** If, under sec. 40 of this Act, secs. 4, 7, 9, 31, 36, and 38 of this Act take effect,  
14 they take effect on the later of

15 (1) January 1, 2022; or

16 (2) January 1 of the calendar year following the year of notice under sec. 40 of  
17 this Act.

18 \* **Sec. 44.** Except as provided in secs. 41 - 43 of this Act, this Act takes effect January 1,  
19 2018.