

HOUSE BILL NO. 398

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE GUTTENBERG

Introduced: 2/23/10

Referred: Resources, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act requiring the Department of Natural Resources to evaluate current incentives**
2 **and recommend additional incentives that would increase gas exploration, development,**
3 **and production in the state; requiring the Department of Natural Resources to evaluate**
4 **the means by which the department may explore for oil and gas and tender**
5 **subscriptions for information gathered through exploration-related activity; and**
6 **providing for an effective date."**

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

8 *** Section 1.** The uncoded law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section
9 to read:

10 STUDY AND REPORT BY THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
11 RELATING TO INCENTIVES FOR INCREASING OIL AND GAS PRODUCTION AND
12 THE MEANS BY WHICH THE DEPARTMENT COULD EXPLORE FOR OIL AND GAS
13 AND PROVIDE OIL AND GAS EXPLORATION DATA BY SUBSCRIPTION. (a) The

1 Department of Natural Resources shall

2 (1) identify and evaluate incentives the state may offer under current law to
3 increase the exploration for, development of, and production of oil and gas;

4 (2) identify and evaluate additional incentives that may be enacted by the
5 legislature to increase the exploration for, development of, and production of oil and gas;

6 (3) determine the cost, feasibility, and a proposed organizational structure for
7 the Department of Natural Resources to

8 (A) conduct geological fieldwork and gather seismic data on land open
9 to exploration licensing that the commissioner of natural resources finds to have the
10 greatest potential for oil and gas exploration, development, and production; and

11 (B) offer subscriptions to the information collected in (A) of this
12 paragraph that will remain confidential for two years after receipt by a person that
13 subscribes to the information with an option to extend the period of confidentiality for
14 two additional years if the subscriber obtains an exploration license under
15 AS 38.05.132 for the land from which the information was gathered.

16 (b) The Department of Natural Resources shall report its findings, conclusions, and
17 recommendations on the subjects described in (a) of this section to the legislature before
18 November 1, 2010.

19 * **Sec. 2.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).