

paid and the state of Vermont and the state of New York having been fully repaid for all the moneys advanced by them, this article shall supersede such article twenty-one and section three of article thirty and shall hereafter be controlling in accordance with its provisions.

"2. It continues to be the declared purpose of each of the contracting parties that both of said bridges will eventually be free bridges; provided, however, that until such time as said states by concurrent legislation shall provide a different method and procedure for the operation, maintenance and control of said bridges; they shall continue to be operated and maintained under the control of the Lake Champlain bridge commission, and said commission may continue to charge and collect reasonable tolls for the use of both said bridges in such amount as may be necessary in the judgment of the commission, (a) to meet all requirements for the proper operation and maintenance of the said bridges, (b) to establish a reserve fund to provide for future requirements for the proper operation and maintenance of the said bridges, and (c) to defray the expense of preliminary studies and surveys as to the feasibility of constructing a new highway bridge, and approaches, across Lake Champlain from a point in the vicinity of Plattsburgh in the state of New York to a point in Grand Isle county in the state of Vermont.

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"Such commission shall have the power to apply to the Congress of the United States, or any department of the United States, for consent or approval of this agreement or compact, as amended, but in the absence of such consent by Congress and until the same shall have been secured, this agreement or compact, as amended, shall be binding upon the state of Vermont when ratified by it and the state of New York when ratified by it without the consent of Congress to cooperate for the purposes enumerated in this agreement or compact, and in the manner herein provided and for all purposes that it legally may be."

SEC. 2. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this joint resolution is expressly reserved.

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Public Law 85-505

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AN ACT

To provide for the leasing of oil and gas deposits in lands beneath nontidal navigable waters in the Territory of Alaska, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

Alaska.
Leasing of oil
and gas deposits.

DEFINITIONS

SECTION 1. That, when used in this Act—

(a) the term "lands beneath nontidal navigable waters in the Territory of Alaska" means (1) all lands within the boundaries of the Territory of Alaska which are covered by nontidal waters that are navigable under the laws of the United States, up to the ordinary high-water mark as heretofore or hereafter modified by accretion, erosion, and reliction. For the purposes of this definition and this Act, streams shall be "nontidal" at all points upstream from a line connecting the headlands at the mouth or mouths of such streams.

(b) The term "Mineral Leasing Act" means the Act of February 25, 1920 (41 Stat. 437; 30 U. S. C. 181, et seq.), and all Acts heretofore or hereafter enacted which are amendatory thereof or supplementary thereto;

(c) The term "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Interior.

SEC. 2. All deposits of oil and gas owned or hereafter acquired by the United States in lands beneath nontidal navigable waters in the Territory of Alaska, together with the lands containing those deposits, may be leased and otherwise administered, treated and dealt with by the Secretary under and pursuant to the provisions of the Mineral Leasing Act which are applicable to oil and gas deposits generally and the lands containing such deposits owned by the United States in the Territory of Alaska and all such provisions of the Mineral Leasing Act shall be applicable to deposits of oil and gas owned or hereafter acquired by the United States in lands beneath nontidal navigable waters in the Territory of Alaska, except as otherwise provided in this Act.

Provisions applicable.

SEC. 3. All moneys received from the sale of, or as bonus, royalty, and rental under, any lease issued pursuant to this Act shall be paid into the Treasury of the United States. As soon as practicable after December 31 and June 30 of each year the Secretary of the Treasury shall pay 90 per centum of such moneys to the Territory of Alaska, 37½ per centum to be used for the construction and maintenance of public roads or for the support of public schools or other public educational institutions in such manner as the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska may direct, and 52½ per centum to be used for such purposes as the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska may direct.

Use of moneys.

SEC. 4. Upon written application from any lessee or applicant or offeror for lease hereunder the Secretary, unless a final determination has been previously made by a court of competent jurisdiction, shall determine whether any body of water, or any part of any body of water, is nontidal navigable waters in the Territory of Alaska as referred to in this Act, and shall determine and designate the line marking the mouth or mouths of any navigable stream.

Determination of nontidal navigable water.

SEC. 5. Nothing in this Act shall be construed as affecting existing rights, or rights acquired in the future, under existing laws, executive withdrawals, or reservations, to take natural resources, including fish and wild game, from the waters above lands beneath nontidal navigable waters in the Territory of Alaska, nor shall anything in this Act interfere with the free and unimpeded navigation of those waters or navigational servitudes therein, but the existence of such rights, withdrawals, or reservations shall not preclude simultaneous and unimpeded operations under any lease issued pursuant to this Act. All operations under leases issued pursuant to this Act shall be subject to such rules and regulations as the Secretary of the Interior may prescribe for the prevention of injury to fish and game.

Fishing, etc., rights.

SEC. 6. If any oil and gas lease issued for public land pursuant to the Mineral Leasing Act (or any application or offer for such a lease of such land, which is pending on the date of this Act and subsequently becomes effective), embraces within the boundaries described in the lease (or application or offer) any lands beneath nontidal navigable waters in the Territory of Alaska not within any known geological structure of a producing oil or gas field on the date the application or offer for any such lease was filed with the Bureau of Land Management, the lessee (or applicant or offeror) shall, upon application filed while such lease (or application or offer) is still in effect but not more than one year after the date of approval of this Act and under regulations to be prescribed by the Secretary, have a preference right to have included within such lease (or application or offer) such lands

Preference right.
41 Stat. 437.
30 USC 181 et seq.

beneath nontidal navigable waters in the Territory of Alaska. For the purposes of this section an area shall be considered to be within the boundaries described in the lease (or application or offer) even though it is excluded from such description by general terms which exclude all described lands that are or may be situated beneath navigable waters.

Transferred
lands.

SEC. 7. Upon the transfer to the Territory of Alaska or to any future State or States erected out of the Territory of Alaska of title to any of the lands beneath nontidal navigable waters in the Territory of Alaska, the provisions of this Act shall cease to apply to any lands which are so transferred: *Provided, however,* That any lease issued pursuant to this Act (or application or offer for such a lease) or unitization or other agreement approved or prescribed by the Secretary as to any of the lands covered by any such lease which is in effect at the time of such transfer of title to any of the lands beneath nontidal navigable waters in the Territory of Alaska shall not be terminated or otherwise affected by such transfer of title; but all the right, title, and interest of the United States under such lease (or application or offer for lease) or unitization or other agreement, including any authority to modify its terms and conditions that may have been retained by the United States, and all obligations thereunder shall vest in the Territory of Alaska or the State to which title to those lands beneath nontidal navigable waters in the Territory of Alaska covered by the lease (or application or offer for lease) or unitization or other agreement is transferred.

Savings provision.
48 USC 381.

SEC. 8. Nothing in this Act shall be deemed to repeal or modify any provision of the Act of August 8, 1947 (61 Stat. 916), entitled "An Act to amend section 26, title I, chapter 1, of the Act entitled 'An Act making further provision for a civil government for Alaska, and for other purposes'", permitting exploration and mining for gold and other precious metals in beds of navigable tidal and nontidal waters of Alaska, but nothing in said Act of August 8, 1947, nor any rights acquired thereunder shall preclude simultaneous and unimpeded operations under any lease issued pursuant to this Act.

Venue.

SEC. 9. Any proceeding affecting any lease issued pursuant to this Act may be brought in the United States District Court for the District of Alaska or in any United States district court for the district in which the defendant resides or has his principal place of business.

30 USC 251.

SEC. 10. Section 22 of the Act of February 25, 1920 (41 Stat. 446), is amended to read as follows:

Rental and royalty concessions.

"SEC. 22. That any bona fide occupant or claimant of oil or gas bearing lands in the Territory of Alaska, who, or whose predecessors in interest, prior to withdrawal had complied otherwise with the requirements of the mining laws, but had made no discovery of oil or gas in wells and who prior to withdrawal had made substantial improvements for the discovery of oil or gas on or for each location or had prior to the passage of this Act expended not less than \$250 in improvements on or for each location shall be entitled, upon relinquishment or surrender to the United States within one year from the date of this Act, or within six months after final denial or withdrawal of application for patent, to a lease or leases, under this Act covering such lands, not exceeding five leases in number and not exceeding an aggregate of one thousand two hundred and eighty acres in each: *Provided,* That the annual lease rentals for lands in the Territory of Alaska not within any known geological structure of a producing oil or gas field and the royalty payments from production of oil or gas sold or removed from such lands shall be identical with those prescribed for such leases covering similar lands in the States of the United States, except that leases which may issue pursuant to applications or offers to lease such lands, which applications

Exception.

or offers were filed prior to and were pending on May 3, 1958, shall require the payment of 25 cents per acre as lease rental for the first year of such leases; but the aforesaid exception shall not apply in any way to royalties to be required under leases which may issue pursuant to offers or applications filed prior to May 3, 1958.

"The Secretary of the Interior shall neither prescribe nor approve any cooperative or unit plan of development or operation nor any operating, drilling, or development contract establishing different royalty or rental rates for Alaska lands than for similar lands within the States of the United States.

"No claimant for a lease who has been guilty of any fraud or who had knowledge or reasonable grounds to know of any fraud, or who has not acted honestly and in good faith, shall be entitled to any of the benefits of this section."

Restriction.

SEC. 11. The Secretary shall have authority to issue such rules and regulations as are appropriate and necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act.

Rules and regulations.

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Public Law 85-506

AN ACT

July 7, 1958
[S. 3500]

To require the full and fair disclosure of certain information in connection with the distribution of new automobiles in commerce, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That this Act may be cited as the "Automobile Information Disclosure Act".

Automobile Information Disclosure Act.

DEFINITIONS

SEC. 2. For purposes of this Act—

(a) The term "manufacturer" shall mean any person engaged in the manufacturing or assembling of new automobiles, including any person importing new automobiles for resale and any person who acts for and is under the control of such manufacturer, assembler, or importer in connection with the distribution of new automobiles.

(b) The term "person" means an individual, partnership, corporation, business trust, or any organized group of persons.

(c) The term "automobile" includes any passenger car or station wagon.

(d) The term "new automobile" means an automobile the equitable or legal title to which has never been transferred by a manufacturer, distributor, or dealer to an ultimate purchaser.

(e) The term "dealer" shall mean any person resident or located in the United States or any Territory thereof or in the District of Columbia engaged in the sale or the distribution of new automobiles to the ultimate purchaser.

(f) The term "final assembly point" means—

(1) in the case of a new automobile manufactured or assembled in the United States, or in any Territory of the United States, the plant, factory, or other place at which a new automobile is produced or assembled by a manufacturer and from which such automobile is delivered to a dealer in such a condition that all component parts necessary to the mechanical operation of such automobile are included with such automobile, whether or not such component parts are permanently installed in or on such automobile; and

(2) in the case of a new automobile imported into the United States, the port of importation.