

Public Law 85-725

AN ACT

August 23, 1958
[H. R. 4635]

To provide for settlement and entry of public lands in Alaska containing coal, oil, or gas under section 10 of the Act of May 14, 1898, as amended.

Alaska.
Public lands
settlement and
entry.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 1 of the Act of March 8, 1922 (42 Stat. 415; 48 U. S. C. 376), is hereby amended:

(a) By striking out the words "from and after the passage of this Act" and by inserting in lieu thereof the following: "Claims under section 10 of the Act of May 14, 1898 (30 Stat. 413), as amended (48 U. S. C. 461), and"

(b) By striking out the phrase "settler who has initiated a homestead claim" and by inserting in lieu thereof "claimant who has initiated such a claim".

SEC. 2. Section 2 of the Act of March 8, 1922 (42 Stat. 416; 48 U. S. C. 377), is hereby amended by striking out the last proviso of that section.

SEC. 3. The Act of May 14, 1898, as amended, *supra*, is further amended by inserting immediately after the words "coal lands" and "gas lands" where they appear, the following: "except as provided under the Act of March 8, 1922 (42 Stat. 415; 48 U. S. C. 376)".

48 Stat. 376, 377. SEC. 4. Any person who heretofore settled or entered on lands made subject to the provision of the Act of March 8, 1922, under the terms of this Act shall be entitled to credit toward the requirements of the Act under which settlement or entry was made to the full extent that he complied with such requirements prior to the enactment of this Act: *Provided, however,* that this section shall not be construed to divest or impair any right which has heretofore vested in any person, firm, or corporation pursuant to lease, contract or any other provision of law.

Approved August 23, 1958.