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

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* Section 1. AS 16.05.330(a) is amended to read:

(a) Except as otherwise permitted in this chapter, without having the appropriate license, [OR] tag, or permit in actual possession, a person may not engage in

(1) sport fishing, including the taking of razor clams;
(2) hunting or trapping [ , OR FUR DEALING];
(3) the farming of fish, fur, or game;
(4) taxidermy or fur dealing; or
(5) control of nuisance wild birds and nuisance wild small mammals for compensation.

* Sec. 2. AS 16.05.330 is amended by adding new subsections to read:
(f) A person charged with violating (a)(1) or (2) of this section for failure to have a license in actual possession may not be convicted if the person provides, not later than 30 days after the issuance of the citation, evidence satisfactory to the arresting or citing agency of a license previously issued to the person that was valid at the time of the offense.

(g) A license in actual possession may be in paper or electronic form.

(h) A peace officer presented with an electronic device under (g) of this section is immune from any liability resulting from damage to the device, except that a peace officer may be liable for civil damages that are the result of the peace officer's intentional misconduct.

* Sec. 3. AS 16.05.430(a) is amended to read:

(a) Except as provided in AS 16.05.330(f), 16.05.407(b) [AS 16.05.407(b)] and (d), 16.05.408(b), and 16.05.420(b), a person who violates AS 16.05.330 - 16.05.420 or a regulation adopted under AS 16.05.330 - 16.05.420 is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction is punishable by a fine of not more than $1,000, or by imprisonment for not more than six months, or by both.

* Sec. 4. This Act takes effect July 1, 2018.