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HOUSE BILL 93

“An Act changing the residency requirements for hunting, trapping, and sport fishing privileges; and providing for an effective date.”

REQUIREMENTS TO QUALIFY FOR AN ALASKA RESIDENT SPORT FISHING, HUNTING OR TRAPPING LICENSE

Updated 2.12.25

With the passage of HB 93, to qualify as an Alaska resident for the purpose of obtaining a hunting, trapping or sport fishing license there will be four general requirements as well as the existing alternative requirements for an active member, or dependent of an active member, of the military service or United States Coast Guard.

The four general requirements to qualify for an Alaska resident hunting, trapping or sport fishing license:

1. Physical presence in the state with the intent to remain in the state indefinitely and to make a home in the state.
2. Maintenance of a domicile¹ in the state for the 12 consecutive months immediately preceding the application for a license.
3. No claim of residency in another state, territory, or country.
4. Physical presence in the state at all times during the 12 consecutive months preceding the application for a license unless the absence was an allowable absence consistent with the permanent fund dividend allowable absences ([AS 43.23.008](#)).²

Allowable Absences

- **General Allowable Absences:** Absences consistent with the individual's intent to remain an Alaska resident, subject to certain day limits (up to 180 days) based on the nature of other claimed absences.

¹ AS 16.05.940 (11) “domicile” means the true and permanent home of a person from which the person has no present intention of moving and to which the person intends to return whenever the person is away.

² This is the additional requirement that HB 93 would add to the existing requirements an individual needs to meet to qualify for a resident hunting, trapping or sport fishing license.

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REQUIREMENTS TO QUALIFY FOR AN ALASKA RESIDENT SPORT FISHING, HUNTING OR TRAPPING LICENSE - CONTINUED

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- **Education-Related Absences:** These include receiving secondary or post-secondary education on a full-time basis, or full-time vocational, professional, or other specific education for which a comparable program is not available in Alaska.
- **Military Service:** Serving on active duty in the U.S. armed forces or accompanying a family member who is serving and is eligible for a dividend.
- **Merchant Marine Service:** Serving under foreign or coastal articles of employment aboard a U.S. oceangoing vessel.
- **Medical Treatment:** Receiving continuous medical treatment recommended by a licensed physician, or convalescing as recommended by the physician, provided the treatment isn't for climatic change.
- **Caregiving:** Providing care for a critically ill family member, or for a terminally ill family member.
- **Settling an Estate:** Managing the estate of a deceased family member, as long as the absence doesn't exceed 220 cumulative days.
- **Congressional Service:** Serving as a member of the U.S. Congress or on the staff of an Alaskan member of Congress.
- **State Employment:** Working as a state employee in a field office or another location outside Alaska.
- **Accompanying a Minor or Eligible Resident:** Accompanying a minor for medical treatment or another eligible resident who is absent for an allowable reason.
- **Peace Corps and Olympic Training:** Serving in the federal Peace Corps or training/competing as a member of the U.S. Olympic Team.
- **Student Fellowships:** Participating in a student fellowship for educational purposes sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education or the U.S. Department of State.

Alternative residency requirements for an active member, or dependent of an active member, of the military service or United States Coast Guard:

- A member of the military service or the United States Coast Guard that has been stationed in the state for the 12 consecutive months immediately preceding the application for a license and you are not maintaining residency in another state.
- A dependent of a resident member of the military service or the United States Coast Guard who has lived in the state for the 12 consecutive months immediately preceding the application for a license and you are not maintaining residency in another state.