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CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 144(FIN)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

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Sponsor(s): SENATOR OLSON

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

"An Act relating to hunting permits and tag fees for musk oxen."

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

* **Section 1.** AS 16.05.340(a)(16) is amended to read:

(16) Resident big game tags

The Board of Game may, by regulation effective for not more than one year, eliminate the resident brown or grizzly bear tag and fee for all or a portion of a game management unit.

However, the Board of Game may by regulation reduce or eliminate the [FEE FOR A] resident big game tag <u>and fee</u> for musk oxen for <u>all or a portion of a game management unit [AN OPEN SEASON].</u>

* **Sec. 2.** AS 16.05.346(a) is amended to read:

(a) If the Board of Game establishes an open season for musk oxen and has not reduced or eliminated the \$500 resident tag **and** fee under AS 16.05.340(a)(16),

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the department shall conduct a drawing for permits to take the musk oxen. If the Board of Game establishes an open season for musk oxen for which the Board of Game has reduced or eliminated the resident tag <u>and</u> fee, the department shall issue permits to take the musk oxen in the order in which applications are received by the department. [A PERSON IS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR MORE THAN ONE MUSK OXEN PERMIT A YEAR.] The department may not charge <u>a resident</u> a fee for an application for a musk oxen permit for an open season in which the Board of Game has reduced or eliminated the resident tag <u>and</u> fee under AS 16.05.340(a)(16). In all other cases, the application fee for a musk oxen permit is \$10.