

**HOUSE BILL NO. 202**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

**BY REPRESENTATIVE FEIGE**

**Introduced: 4/10/13**

**Referred: Resources, Finance**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1    **"An Act raising the application fee for a drawing permit for the hunting of bison to \$20;**  
2    **requiring the game management plan for bison in the Delta Junction Bison Range Area**  
3    **to include mitigation of bison damage to farm crops and farm and personal property;**  
4    **and authorizing the commissioner of natural resources to make grants to mitigate or**  
5    **prevent damage caused by bison."**

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

7        **\* Section 1.** AS 16.05.346(b) is amended to read:

8               (b) The application fee for a drawing permit issued by the department for the  
9               hunting of bison is **\$20** [\$10].

10       **\* Sec. 2.** AS 16.20.310(b) is amended to read:

11               (b) The game management plan must include [, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO]

12                       (1) planting grains for bison and planting other wildlife forage;

13                       (2) altering existing plant cover to create additional range and year-

round habitat for bison and other animal species in the area;

(3) tilling to produce forage;

**(4) mitigating bison damage to farm crops and farm and personal property.**

\* **Sec. 3.** AS 38.05.020(b) is amended to read:

(b) The commissioner may

(1) establish reasonable procedures and adopt reasonable regulations necessary to carry out this chapter and, whenever necessary, issue directives or orders to the director to carry out specific functions and duties; regulations adopted by the commissioner shall be adopted under AS 44.62 (Administrative Procedure Act); orders by the commissioner classifying land, issued after January 3, 1959, are not required to be adopted under AS 44.62 (Administrative Procedure Act);

(2) enter into agreements considered necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter, including agreements with federal and state agencies;

(3) review any order or action of the director;

(4) exercise the powers and do the acts necessary to carry out the provisions and objectives of this chapter;

(5) notwithstanding the provisions of any other section of this chapter, grant an extension of the time within which payments due on any exploration license, lease, or sale of state land, minerals, or materials may be made, including payment of rental and royalties, on a finding that compliance with the requirements is or was prevented by reason of war, riots, or acts of God;

(6) classify tracts for agricultural uses;

(7) after consulting with the Board of Agriculture and Conservation (AS 03.09.010), waive, postpone, or otherwise modify the development requirements of a contract for the sale of agricultural land if

(A) the land is inaccessible by road; or

(B) transportation, marketing, and development costs render the required development uneconomic;

(8) reconvey or relinquish land or an interest in land to the federal government if

1 (A) the land is described in an amended application for an  
2 allotment under 43 U.S.C. 1617; and

3 (B) the reconveyance or relinquishment is

4 (i) for the purposes provided in 43 U.S.C. 1617; and

5 (ii) in the best interests of the state;

6 (9) lead and coordinate all matters relating to the state's review and  
7 authorization of resource development projects;

8 (10) exercise the powers and do the acts necessary to carry out the  
9 provisions and objectives of AS 43.90 that relate to this chapter;

10 **(11) make grants to persons whose property or crops have been**  
11 **damaged, or are likely to be damaged, by bison and to persons that assist persons**  
12 **whose property or crops have been damaged or are likely to be damaged by**  
13 **bison, to mitigate or prevent bison damage; grants made under this paragraph**  
14 **may be used for fencing costs.**