

**CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 77(RES)**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

**BY THE SENATE RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**Offered: 3/7/14**

**Referred: Finance**

**Sponsor(s): SENATORS MICCICHE, Kelly**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1   **"An Act relating to big game hunting with children."**

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

3    \* **Section 1.** AS 16.05.255(i) is amended to read:

4           (i) For the purpose of encouraging adults to take children hunting, the board  
5       shall establish annual hunting seasons in appropriate areas of the state for big game,  
6       other than bison and musk ox [, THAT ARE OPEN BEFORE SCHOOLS START IN  
7       THE FALL AND BEFORE REGULAR HUNTING SEASONS BEGIN]. Only a  
8       resident child accompanied by a resident adult or a child accompanied by the child's  
9       resident parent, resident stepparent, or resident legal guardian may take big game in an  
10      area where a season established under this subsection is in effect. The adult, parent,  
11      stepparent, or legal guardian who accompanies the child may only assist the child in  
12      taking big game. A big game animal taken under this subsection, **except for a Sitka**  
13      **blacktail deer when the harvest limit for the deer is one for each person,** must be  
14      counted against the bag limits of both the child and the adult, parent, stepparent, or  
15      legal guardian who accompanies the child. In this subsection,

- 1 (1) "adult" means an individual who is 21 years of age or older;
- 2 (2) "child" means an individual who is not more than 17 years of age
- 3 and not younger than eight years of age.