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Section Analysis – CS House Bill 137

“An Act raising certain fees related to sport fishing, hunting, and trapping; raising the age of eligibility for a sport fishing, hunting, or trapping license exemption for state residents; raising the age at which a state resident is required to obtain a license for sport fishing, hunting, or trapping; and providing for an effective date.”

Sec. 1 – AS 16.05.251(a)

Amends this section to conform with Sections 19 (raising resident license requirement age to 18), and 20 (raising exemption age to 62) of this bill.

Sec. 2 – AS 16.05.340(a)(1)

Amends this section to raise the resident sport fishing license fee from \$15 to \$20 and raises the fee for residents who are blind from \$0.25 to \$0.50.

Sec. 3 – AS 16.05.340(a)(2)

Amends this section to raise the resident hunting license fee from \$25 to \$30.

Sec. 4 – AS 16.05.340(a)(3)

Amends this section to raise the fee for a resident hunting and trapping combination license from \$39 to \$45.

Sec. 5 – AS 16.05.340(a)(4)

Amends this section to raise the resident trapping license fee from \$15 to \$20.

Sec. 6 – AS 16.05.340(a)(5)

Amends this section to raise the fee for a resident hunting and sport fishing combination license from \$39 to \$45.

Sec. 7 – AS 16.05.340(a)(6)

Makes multiple amendments to this section including raising the fee for a resident hunting, trapping, and sport fishing combination license from \$53 to \$60. Changes low-income license eligibility so that a person receiving federal or state welfare assistance is not eligible unless they meet the income requirement. Also the maximum annual family gross income was raised from \$8,200 to \$29,820 to match the federal poverty level for a family of four in Alaska.

Sec. 8 – AS 16.05.340(a)(7)

Amends this section to raise the four nonresident sport fishing license fees.

- 14-day license from \$50 to \$60
- Seven-day license from \$30 to \$40
- Three-day license is raised from \$20 to \$30
- One-day license from \$10 to \$15

Sec. 9 – AS 16.05.340(a)(8)

Amends this section to raise the annual nonresident sport fishing license fee from \$100 to \$130.

Sec. 10 – AS 16.05.340(a)(9)

Amends this section to raise the nonresident hunting license fee from \$85 to \$125.

Sec. 11 – AS 16.05.340(a)(11)

Amends this section to raise the nonresident hunting and trapping combination license fee from \$250 to \$325.

Sec. 12 – AS 16.05.340(a)(15)

Amends this section to raise all nonresident big game tag fees.

- Black bear from \$225 to \$335
- Brown or grizzly bear from \$500 to \$750
- Bison from \$450 to \$675
- Caribou from \$325 to \$485
- Deer from \$150 to \$225
- Elk and goat from \$300 to \$450
- Moose from \$400 to \$600
- Sheep from \$425 to \$635
- Wolf from \$30 to \$45
- Wolverine from \$175 to \$260
- Musk oxen from \$1,100 to \$1,650

This section also amends a citation to AS 16.05.255 to more specifically point to subsection (e) of this section.

Sec. 13 – AS 16.05.340(a)(17)

Makes multiple amendments to this section by raising the exemption age for a resident engaging in waterfowl hunting without a waterfowl tag from 16 to 18 and from 60 to 62. This section also raises the waterfowl conservation tag from \$5 to \$10.

Sec. 14 – AS 16.05.340(a)(19)

Amends this section to increase the small game hunting license fee from \$20 to \$30.

Sec. 15 – AS 16.05.340(a)(20)

Amends this section to increase the nonresident alien hunting license fee from \$300 to \$450.

Sec. 16 – AS 16.05.340(a)(21)

Amends this section to raise all of the nonresident alien big game tag fees.

- Black bear from \$300 to \$400
- Brown or grizzly bear and bison from \$650 to \$900
- Caribou from \$425 to \$600
- Deer from \$200 to \$250
- Elk and goat from \$400 to \$500
- Moose from \$500 to \$600
- Musk oxen from \$1,500 to \$2,000
- Sheep from \$550 to \$650
- Wolf from \$50 to \$75
- Wolverine from \$250 to \$350

This section also amends a citation to AS 16.05.255 to more specifically point to subsection (e) of this section.

Sec. 17 – AS 16.05.340(a)(23)

Amends this section to raise the resident anadromous king salmon tag from \$10 to \$15. This section is also amended to conform with Sections 1 (raising resident blind fee), 19 (raising resident license requirement age to 18), and 20 (raising exemption age to 62) of this bill.

Sec. 18 – AS 16.05.340(a)(24)

Amends this section to raise all six nonresident anadromous king salmon tag fees.

- One-day tag from \$10 to \$15
- Three-day tag from \$20 to \$30
- Seven-day tag from \$30 to \$45
- 14-day tag from \$50 to \$75
- Annual tag from \$100 to \$150
- Annual nonresident military tag from \$20 to \$30

Sec. 19 – AS 16.05.400(a)

Amends this section to raise the age required for a resident to have a sport fishing, hunting, or trapping license from 16 to 18. Provisions in this section regarding nonresidents are not amended.

Sec. 20 – AS 16.05.400(b)

Amends this section to raise the age from 60 to 62 for a resident to obtain an exemption from paying a fee for a sport fishing, hunting, or trapping license.

Sec. 21 – Uncodified Law

Adds a new section to the uncodified law of Alaska to ensure that residents that are eligible for a sport fishing, hunting, or trapping license exemption under AS 16.05.400(b) before the effective date of this bill will continue to be eligible for the exemption.

Sec. 22 – Effective Date

Creates an effective date for this bill to be January 1, 2016.

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