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Section Analysis – CS House Bill 137(RES)

“An Act raising certain fees related to sport fishing, hunting, and trapping; relating to fish and game conservation decals; 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 16.05.352

Adds a new section that creates an annual voluntary fish and game conservation decal that the Department of Fish & Game will produce and make available to the public. This section also directs the Department to provide for the selection of design for the conservation decals and that the commissioner may produce the quantity of decals considered appropriate. The fee for this decal is \$20 per person.

Sec. 20 – 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. 21 – 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. 22 – 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. 23 – Effective Date

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

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