

**CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 87( )**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

**BY**

**Offered:  
Referred:**

**Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES STUTES, Ortiz**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

**"An Act relating to participation in matters before the Board of Fisheries and the Board of Game by the members of the respective boards."**

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

**\* Section 1.** AS 39.52.120 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

(g) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, a public officer who is a member of the Board of Fisheries may deliberate on a matter before the board even if the public officer, or an immediate family member of the public officer, has a personal or financial interest in the matter because the public officer or immediate family member holds a permit or license issued under AS 16.05 or AS 16.43. Before deliberating, the public officer shall disclose the interest on the record. If a majority of the members present at a meeting, excluding the public officer involved, determine that the personal or financial interest is incompatible with the public officer's duty to decide the matter fairly, the public officer may not vote on the matter.

(h) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, a public officer who

1 is a member of the Board of Game may deliberate on a matter before the board even if  
2 the public officer, or an immediate family member of the public officer, has a personal  
3 or financial interest in the matter because the public officer or immediate family  
4 member holds a permit or license issued under AS 08.54 or AS 16.05. Before  
5 deliberating, the public officer shall disclose the interest on the record. If a majority of  
6 the members present at a meeting, excluding the public officer involved, determine  
7 that the personal or financial interest is incompatible with the public officer's duty to  
8 decide the matter fairly, the public officer may not vote on the matter.

9 (i) In this section, "immediate family member" means

10 (1) the spouse of the public officer;

11 (2) a person cohabiting with the public officer in a relationship that is  
12 like a marriage but is not a legal marriage; or

13 (3) a parent, sibling, or child, including a stepchild and an adopted  
14 child, of the public officer if the parent, sibling, or child

15 (A) resides with the public officer;

16 (B) is financially dependent on the public officer; or

17 (C) shares a substantial financial interest with the public

18 officer.