

**HOUSE BILL NO. 201**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE JOSEPHSON

Introduced: 3/29/17

Referred: Community and Regional Affairs, Resources

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1   **"An Act relating to municipal regulation of trapping; and providing for an effective**  
2   **date."**

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

4    \* **Section 1.** AS 16.05.930 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

5                   (h) Nothing in this chapter prevents a municipality from regulating the  
6           practice of trapping within its boundaries, to the extent authorized under  
7           AS 29.35.052.

8    \* **Sec. 2.** AS 29.35 is amended by adding a new section to read:

9                   **Sec. 29.35.052. Regulation of trapping.** (a) A municipality may regulate  
10           trapping to protect life and property within its boundaries and may exempt trappers  
11           from municipal regulation for good cause. Ordinances a municipality may enact under  
12           this section include ordinances that impose

13                               (1) trap identification requirements;

14                               (2) signage or other notice requirements for set or placed traps;

1 (3) restrictions on the use of types of traps likely to cause injury or  
2 damage to persons or property, including domestic animals;

3 (4) prohibitions on the setting or placement of traps in areas or  
4 locations where they are likely to cause injury or damage to persons, property, or  
5 nontargeted species.

6 (b) This section applies to home rule and general law municipalities.

7 (c) Nothing in this section prohibits the

8 (1) Department of Environmental Conservation from exercising its  
9 powers to stop the spread of disease;

10 (2) Department of Fish and Game from exercising its powers to  
11 manage the state's fish and wildlife; or

12 (3) Department of Public Safety from exercising its powers to protect  
13 public health and safety.

14 (d) In this section, "trapping" has the meaning given in AS 16.05.940.

15 \* **Sec. 3.** This Act takes effect January 1, 2018.