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CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 43(FIN)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Offered:
Referred:

Sponsor(s): SENATOR WILSON

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

"An Act extending the termination date of the Big Game Commercial Services Board; relating to a person's eligibility to hold a registered guide-outfitter license, master guide-outfitter license, class-A assistant guide license, assistant guide license, or transporter license; and providing for an effective date."

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

* **Section 1.** AS 08.03.010(c)(9) is amended to read:

(9) Big Game Commercial Services Board (AS 08.54.591) - June 30, 2024 [2019];

* **Sec. 2.** AS 08.54.605(a) is amended to read:

(a) Notwithstanding AS 08.54.610, 08.54.620, 08.54.630, 08.54.650, and 08.54.660, a person may not receive, hold, or renew a registered guide-outfitter license, master guide-outfitter license, class-A assistant guide license, assistant guide license, or transporter license if

(1) the person has been convicted of

(A) a violation of a state or federal hunting, guiding, or transportation services statute or regulation for which

(i) the person was imprisoned for more than five days within the previous five years;

(ii) an unsuspended fine of more than \$2,000 was imposed in the previous 12 months;

(iii) an unsuspended fine of more than \$3,000 was imposed in the previous 36 months; or

(iv) an unsuspended fine of more than \$5,000 was imposed in the previous 60 months;

(B) a felony within the last five years; or

(C) a felony offense against the person under AS 11.41 within the last 10 years; or

(2) the person's right to obtain, or exercise the privileges granted by, a hunting, guiding, outfitting, or transportation services license is suspended or revoked in this state or another state or in Canada.

* **Sec. 3.** AS 08.54.610(b) is amended to read:

(b) A master guide-outfitter license authorizes a registered guide-outfitter to use the title master guide-outfitter, but is for all other purposes under this chapter a registered guide-outfitter license. A natural person is entitled to receive a renewable master guide-outfitter license if the person

(1) is, at the time of application for a master guide-outfitter license, licensed as a registered guide-outfitter under this section;

(2) has been licensed in this state as a registered guide or a guide-outfitter, under former AS 08.54.010 - 08.54.240, former AS 08.54.300 - 08.54.590, or this chapter, for at least 15 [12] of the last 20 [15] years, including the year immediately preceding the year in which the person applies for a master guide-outfitter license;

(3) submits a list to the department of at least 45 [25] clients for whom the person has personally provided guiding or outfitting services and the person receives a favorable evaluation from 30 [10] of the clients selected from the list by the

department;

(4) has not been convicted of an offense under AS 08.54.720(a) or a similar law in another jurisdiction related to hunting or to the provision of big game hunting or transportation services within the 15 years preceding the date of the application; and

(5) [(4)] applies for a master guide-outfitter license on a form provided by the department and pays the application fee, if any.

* **Sec. 4.** AS 08.54.710 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

(k) The board shall revoke the master guide-outfitter license of a person

(1) whose right to obtain or exercise the privileges granted by a hunting, guiding, outfitting, or transportation services license is suspended or revoked in another state or in Canada; or

(2) who is convicted of a violation of any state or federal law or regulation related to hunting or the provision of big game hunting or transportation services.

(l) The board may issue a registered guide-outfitter license to a person whose master guide-outfitter license is revoked under (k) of this section.

* **Sec. 5.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).