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Senate Bill 204 – Sectional Analysis Updated for Version W

"An Act relating to auctions or raffles for hunting harvest permits and big game tags; and providing for an effective date."

Section 1. Amends AS 16.05.343(a):

- **Page 1 Lines 6-7:** Adds Afognak and Raspberry Island Herds to the type of Elk harvest permits that can be donated by the department to be auctioned or raffled.
- **Page 1 Line 6:** Changes the number of harvest permits that can be donated for Etolin, Afognak, or Raspberry Elk herds from four to two.
- **Page 1 Line 9:** Adds the word “wildlife” in front of “conservation” to clarify that the nonprofits who qualify to receive these donated harvest permits must be established to promote education in outdoor traditions and “wildlife” conservation and wildlife protection programs in partnership with the department.

Section 2. Amends 16.05.343(c):

- **Page 1 Line 14 – Page 2 Line 4:** Removes differing tag limits for individual species and allows **up to four** harvest permits to be issued for all the listed species.
- **Page 2 Line 1-8:** Adds to the list of permits that can be auctioned or raffled four McNeil River State Game Sanctuary bear-viewing permits and “emperor goose.”
- **Page 2 Lines 13-30:** Revisor changes that move (1) outlining a 70/30 revenue split between the Department of Fish and Game and the qualified nonprofit (2) limiting use of the funds by the organization to approved programs and prohibiting use of the funds for any political campaign or candidate into two new subsections in Section 4 of this bill.
- **Page 2 Lines 12 & 13, Page 3 Lines 1, 2, & 5:** Removes “big game” from any mention of “big game harvest permit” so that all the permits are referred to consistently by the broader “harvest permit.”
- **Page 3 Lines 3 & 4:** Retains the inscription on the hunting license issued under this subsection as “Governor’s license” but gives the Commissioner of DF&G or a designee the authority to sign off on the permits.

Section 3. Amends AS 16.05.343(e):

- **Page 3 Line 11:** Standardizes language that outlines how the revenue can be used and how an organization can qualify for these permits by adding that a nonprofit must promote education in “wildlife conservation” and conduct “wildlife” conservation programs in order to qualify as an organization that can conduct auctions or raffles for the department.

Section 4. Amends AS 16.05.343 by adding new subsections:

- **Page 3 Lines 19-25:** Reinserts the language removed in Section 2 to create a new subsection (f) that requires that all revenue earned from an auction or raffle of harvest permits be paid to the Department of Fish and Game EXCEPT an amount not to exceed 30%, which the qualified organization putting on the auction or raffle can retain for the administrative costs of holding the auction/raffle and approved projects and educational programs that support outdoor tradition, wildlife conservation, and wildlife protection.
- **Page 3 Lines 26 – Page 4 Line 4:** Reinserts the language removed in Section 2 to create a new subsection (g) explicitly limiting use of the funds by the organization to approved programs listed in (f) and prohibiting use of the funds for any “candidate for political office,” “organization supporting or opposing ballot propositions,” and “expenses associated with lobbying the legislature or administration.”

Section 5. Sets an immediate effective date.