

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 59(FIN)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Offered: 4/26/96

Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES BUNDE, Toohey, Rokeberg, Ogan

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

**1 "An Act relating to raffles and auctions of certain permits to take big game;
2 and providing for an effective date."**

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

4 * Section 1. AS 16.05.343 is repealed and reenacted to read:

5 Sec. 16.05.343. AUCTIONS OR RAFFLES FOR BIG GAME HARVEST
6 PERMITS. (a) The department may donate one bison harvest permit each year for
7 a bison from the Delta bison herd for a competitive auction or raffle. The donation
8 may be made only to a nonprofit corporation established to promote fish and game law
9 enforcement, subject to the terms of a memorandum of understanding developed by
10 the department.

11 (b) The department may donate four elk harvest permits each year for elk from
12 the Etolin Island herd for competitive auctions or raffles. The donations may be made
13 only to nonprofit corporations based in the state that are established to promote fish
14 and game management of hunted species, transplantation of species, and use of fish

1 and game populations for hunting and fishing, subject to the terms of a memorandum
2 of understanding developed by the department.

3 (c) The department, subject to regulations adopted by the commissioner, may
4 issue, through a competitive auction or raffle, up to two harvest permits each year for
5 each of the following big game species: Dall sheep, bison, musk ox, brown or grizzly
6 bear, moose, caribou, and wolf. Notwithstanding AS 36.30, the department may
7 authorize a qualified organization to conduct the auction or raffle on behalf of the
8 department. If the department does authorize a qualified organization to conduct an
9 auction or raffle for a big game species, the department shall make available to a
10 qualified organization based in the state at least one harvest permit for that species.
11 If the auction or raffle is conducted by a qualified organization, the organization may
12 retain an amount from the gross proceeds of the auction or raffle equal to the
13 administrative cost of the auction or raffle plus an amount not to exceed 10 percent
14 of the net proceeds. The proceeds from the auction or raffle of a big game harvest
15 permit may not be used to make a contribution to any candidate for political office or
16 to any organization supporting or opposing ballot propositions or to pay expenses
17 associated with lobbying the legislature or administration. All proceeds from the
18 auction or raffle of the big game harvest permit less the amount that is retained by a
19 qualified organization under this subsection shall be deposited in the fish and game
20 fund under AS 16.05.100. A person who is issued a big game harvest permit under
21 this subsection shall receive upon the person's request a complimentary hunting license
22 and a big game tag for the big game species for which the big game harvest permit
23 is issued. A hunting license issued under this subsection must bear the inscription
24 "Governor's license" or a similar designation. A person who receives a big game
25 harvest permit, hunting license, or big game tag under this subsection may exercise the
26 privileges conveyed by the permit, license, or tag only in accordance with applicable
27 law. In this subsection, "qualified organization" means a nonprofit corporation
28 established to promote fish and game law enforcement or an organization that is
29 established to promote management of hunted game species and use of game
30 populations for hunting and that complies with applicable laws governing activities
31 under this subsection.

- 1 (d) Auctions and raffles of harvest permits authorized under this section are
2 not subject to AS 05.15.
3 * **Sec. 2.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).