

HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 72(RES)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Offered: 3/30/01

Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): SENATORS KELLY, Halford, Taylor, Green, Ward, Donley, Leman, Austerman, Cowdery, Wilken, Therriault

REPRESENTATIVES Dyson, Bunde, Croft

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to 'take-a-child-hunting' seasons for big game."**

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

3 * **Section 1.** AS 16.05.255 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

4 (j) For the purpose of encouraging adults to take children hunting, the board
5 shall establish annual hunting seasons in appropriate areas of the state for big game,
6 other than bison and musk ox, that are open before schools start in the fall and before
7 regular hunting seasons begin. Only a resident child accompanied by a resident adult
8 or a child accompanied by the child's resident parent, resident stepparent, or resident
9 legal guardian may take big game in an area where a season established under this
10 subsection is in effect. The adult, parent, stepparent, or legal guardian who
11 accompanies the child may only assist the child in taking big game. A big game
12 animal taken under this subsection must be counted against the bag limits of both the
13 child and the adult, parent, stepparent, or legal guardian who accompanies the child.
14 In this subsection,

15 (1) "adult" means an individual who is 21 years of age or older;

- 1 (2) "child" means an individual who is not more than 17 years of age
2 and not younger than eight years of age.