



**HB266: BIG GAME HUNTING PERMITS
SECTIONAL ANALYSIS**

Version A

Section 1: Amends the qualifications for a permit transfer to require the recipient meet all legal requirements that applied to the initial permit holder at the time the permit was awarded, including residency and any other applicable conditions.

Section 2: Conforming amendment to remove the requirement that a person apply to the Department of Fish and Game for a transfer or reissuance upon death of the original permit holder consistent with the new provisions under this Act. Adds language that a permit transfer under the new provisions in Section 4 must be made before the first day of the open season for the hunt.

Section 3: Conforming amendment to delete language that is now covered under Section 1.

Section 4: Adds new sections allowing the transfer and sale of drawing hunt permits after first notifying the department, including the name and hunting license number of the recipient and any other identifying information required by the department.

Consistent with existing law, the new provisions prohibit a person from holding more than one drawing permit for the same species regardless of if it is obtained by the draw or a transfer.

The Commissioner of Fish and Game is given authority to adopt regulations and set fees to offset administrative costs for processing transfers or reissuances.

This section also clarifies the new permit holder is subject to all conditions, regulations and limitations of the original permit holder, and the State of Alaska is not liable for any loss incurred by a person who receives a permit transfer, including a hunt being closed or restricted by the department for conservation purposes.

Section 5: Effective date of January 1, 2027.