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### Section Analysis – CS House Bill 137(FIN)am

*“An Act raising certain fees related to sport fishing, hunting, and trapping; relating to the fish and game fund; providing for the repeal of the sport fishing surcharge and sport fishing facility revenue bonds; replacing the permanent sport fishing, hunting, or trapping identification card for certain residents with an identification card valid for three years; relating to hunting and fishing by proxy; relating to fish and game conservation decals; raising the age of eligibility for a sport fishing, hunting, or trapping license exemption for state residents; raising the age at which a state resident is required to obtain a license for sport fishing, hunting, or trapping; and providing for an effective date.”*

**Sec. 1 – AS 16.05.100**

Amends this section to repeal authorization for money from the fish and game fund to pay for hatchery bonds.

**Sec. 2 – AS 16.05.251(a)**

Amends this section to conform with Section 26 (raising resident license requirement age to 18 and the exemption age to 62) of this bill.

**Sec. 3 – AS 16.05.340(a)(1)**

Amends this section to raise the resident sport fishing license fee from \$15 to \$20 and raises the fee for residents who are blind from \$0.25 to \$0.50.

**Sec. 4 – AS 16.05.340(a)(1)**

Amends Sec. 3 of this bill by combining the \$9 sport fishing surcharge with the resident sport fishing license increasing it to \$29.

**Sec. 5 – AS 16.05.340(a)(2)**

Amends this section to raise the resident hunting license fee from \$25 to \$30.

**Sec. 6 – AS 16.05.340(a)(3)**

Amends this section to raise the fee for a resident hunting and trapping combination license from \$39 to \$45.

**Sec. 7 – AS 16.05.340(a)(4)**

Amends this section to raise the resident trapping license fee from \$15 to \$20.

**Sec. 8 – AS 16.05.340(a)(5)**

Amends this section to raise the fee for a resident hunting and sport fishing combination license from \$39 to \$45.

**Sec. 9 – AS 16.05.340(a)(5)**

Amends Sec. 8 of this bill by combining the \$9 sport fishing surcharge with the resident hunting and sport fishing license, increasing it to \$54.

**Sec. 10 – AS 16.05.340(a)(6)**

Makes multiple amendments to this section including raising the fee for a resident hunting, trapping, and sport fishing combination license from \$53 to \$60. Changes low-income license eligibility so that a person receiving federal or state welfare assistance is not eligible unless they meet the income requirement. Also sets the maximum annual family gross income to match the federal poverty level for the individual's household size in Alaska.

**Sec. 11 – AS 16.05.340(a)(6)**

Amends Sec. 10 of this bill by combining the \$9 sport fishing surcharge with the resident hunting, trapping, and sport fishing license, increasing it to \$69.

**Sec. 12 – AS 16.05.340(a)(7)**

Amends this section to raise the four nonresident sport fishing license fees.

- 14-day license from \$50 to \$60
- Seven-day license from \$30 to \$40
- Three-day license is raised from \$20 to \$30
- One-day license from \$10 to \$15

**Sec. 13 – AS 16.05.340(a)(7)**

Amends Sec. 12 of this bill by combining the \$9 sport fishing surcharge with the four nonresident sport fishing licenses, increasing them to \$69, \$49, \$39, and \$24.

**Sec. 14 – AS 16.05.340(a)(8)**

Amends this section to raise the annual nonresident sport fishing license fee from \$100 to \$150.

**Sec. 15 – AS 16.05.340(a)(8)**

Amends Sec. 14 of this bill by combining the \$9 sport fishing surcharge with the nonresident annual sport fishing license, increasing it to \$159.

**Sec. 16 – AS 16.05.340(a)(9)**

Amends this section to raise the nonresident hunting license fee from \$85 to \$130.

**Sec. 17 – AS 16.05.340(a)(11)**

Amends this section to raise the nonresident hunting and trapping combination license fee from \$250 to \$350.

**Sec. 18 – AS 16.05.340(a)(15)**

Amends this section to raise all nonresident big game tag fees.

- Black bear from \$225 to \$600
- Brown or grizzly bear from \$500 to \$1,200
- Bison from \$450 to \$900
- Caribou from \$325 to \$650
- Deer from \$150 to \$275
- Elk and goat from \$300 to \$575
- Moose from \$400 to \$800
- Sheep from \$425 to \$850
- Wolverine from \$175 to \$325
- Musk oxen from \$1,100 to \$2,200

This section also amends a citation to AS 16.05.255 to more specifically point to subsection (e) of this section.

**Sec. 19 – AS 16.05.340(a)(17)**

Makes multiple amendments to this section by raising the exemption age for a resident engaging in waterfowl hunting without a waterfowl tag from 16 to 18 and from 60 to 62. This section also raises the waterfowl conservation tag from \$5 to \$10.

**Sec. 20 – AS 16.05.340(a)(19)**

Amends this section to increase the small game hunting license fee from \$20 to \$30.

**Sec. 21 – AS 16.05.340(a)(20)**

Amends this section to increase the nonresident alien hunting license fee from \$300 to \$600.

**Sec. 22 – AS 16.05.340(a)(21)**

Amends this section to raise all of the nonresident alien big game tag fees.

- Black bear from \$300 to \$600
- Brown or grizzly bear and bison from \$650 to \$1,300
- Caribou from \$425 to \$850
- Deer from \$200 to \$400
- Elk and goat from \$400 to \$800
- Moose from \$500 to \$1,000
- Musk oxen from \$1,500 to \$3,000
- Sheep from \$550 to \$1,100
- Wolverine from \$250 to \$500

This section also amends a citation to AS 16.05.255 to more specifically point to subsection (e) of this section.

**Sec. 23 – AS 16.05.340(a)(23)**

Amends this section to raise the resident anadromous king salmon tag from \$10 to \$15. This section is also amended to conform with Sections 3 (raising resident blind fee) and 26 (raising resident license requirement age to 18 and the exemption age to 62) of this bill.

**Sec. 24 – AS 16.05.340(a)(24)**

Amends this section to raise all six nonresident anadromous king salmon tag fees.

- One-day tag from \$10 to \$15
- Three-day tag from \$20 to \$30
- Seven-day tag from \$30 to \$45
- 14-day tag from \$50 to \$75
- Annual tag from \$100 to \$150
- Annual nonresident military tag from \$20 to \$30

**Sec. 25 – AS 16.05.352**

Adds a new section that creates an annual voluntary fish and game conservation decal that the Department of Fish & Game will produce and make available to the public. This section also directs the Department to provide for the selection of design for the conservation decals and that the commissioner may produce the quantity of decals considered appropriate. The fee for this decal is \$20 per person. The Legislature may appropriate these funds to fish and wildlife conservation programs.

**Sec. 26 – AS 16.05.400**

Amends this section to raise the age required for a resident to have a sport fishing, hunting, or trapping license from 16 to 18. Provisions in this section regarding nonresidents are not amended.

Also amends this section to raise the age from 60 to 62 for a resident to obtain an exemption from paying a fee for a sport fishing, hunting, or trapping license. Creates a requirement that residents that obtain this exemption must renew it every three years.

**Sec. 27-31 – AS 16.05.403-16.05.415**

Makes amendments to AS 16.05.403, 16.05.405, and 16.05.415 to conform with the change made in Sec. 26 regarding the license exemption for residents over the age of 62.

Sections 28 and 29 amend the fishing and hunting by proxy statute by allowing a resident to hunt or sport fish on behalf of a person with a developmental disability.

**Sec. 32 – Repealed Statute**

Repeals sections in statute relating to the fish hatchery bonds under AS 37.15.765 - 37.15.799, including AS 16.05.130(e), 16.05.130(f), 16.05.340(j), 37.15.765, 37.15.770, 37.15.773, 37.15.777, 37.15.780, 37.15.783, 37.15.787, 37.15.790, 37.15.793, and 37.15.799.

**Sec. 33 – Uncodified Law**

Adds a new section to the uncodified law of Alaska to ensure that residents that are eligible for a sport fishing, hunting, or trapping license exemption under AS 16.05.400(b) before the effective date of this bill will continue to be eligible for the exemption.

**Sec. 34 – Uncodified Law**

Adds a new section requiring the commissioner of fish and game to notify the revisor of statutes when all costs associated with the fish hatchery bonds issued under AS 37.15.765 - 37.15.799 are paid and all obligations are fully met and discharged.

**Sec. 35 – Conditional Effect**

Creates a conditional effective date for Sections 1, 4, 9, 11, 13, 15, and 32 (surcharge repeal and combination with license fees) of this bill to not be until the revisor of statutes is notified under Sec. 34 of this bill.

**Sec. 36 – Effective Date**

Adds a new section stating that the effective date for Sections 1, 4, 9, 11, 13, 15, and 32 will be January 1 of the calendar year following the year of notice under Sec. 35 of this bill.

**Sec. 37 – Effective Date**

Creates an effective date for the bill, except for Sec. 36, to be January 1, 2016.

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