

HB 266  
Explanation of Changes  
HB 266 (29-LS1205\H) to CSHB 266 WORK DRAFT (29-LS1205\N)

Sec. 1- AS 16.05.255 (a): In the original version of the bill, (a)(8) of the current statute was amended by removing “prohibiting the live capture, possession, transport, or release of native or exotic game or their eggs”; this language was added back into the CS, resulting in no change to the current AS 16.05.255 (a)(8). Adding back in the language was made in response to a concern by the department.

Sec. 2- AS 16.05.255 (c): In the CS, the frequency of the requirement that the Board of Game shall solicit proposals to amend, adopt, or repeal regulations was changed to “at least once a year” from “at least twice a year” in response to a concern by the department that doing so twice per year would result in increased costs.

Sec. 3- AS 16.05.255: In the CS, several changes were made to the requirements for public notice for a board member’s proposal as follows:

- The requirement for public notice of a board member’s proposal was lowered from 65 days to 60.
- A new subsection (B) was added to allow an exemption to the 60-day requirement if the board finds in writing that a board member’s proposal to adopt, amend, or repeal a regulation is necessitated by a court ruling or order. This exemption was added in response to concerns raised by the Department of Law, as well as the Chairman and other members of the Board of Game regarding the board’s flexibility to respond to court decisions.

Additionally, language changes were made in the CS to section (I) for clarification purposes: no substantive changes were made with the new language. Several of the language changes were made at the request of the department.