



Explanation of Changes in CSHB267(RES)

CS for House Bill 267

“Release of Hunting and Sport Fishing Records to Municipalities”

In the House Community & Regional Affairs Committee, HB 267 was amended to clarify that hunting records and reports released to municipalities for the purpose of verifying taxes payable will be kept confidential.

Specifically, on page 1 lines 5 through 13 were deleted and replaced with:

***Section 1.** AS 08.54.760(b) is repealed and reenacted to read:

(b) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, hunt records received under this section and activity reports received under AS 08.54.650 are confidential and not subject to inspection or copying under AS 40.25.110 – 40.25.125. Aggregated data compiled from hunt records and activity reports may be included in reports by the department. The department shall make hunt records and activity reports available (1) if requested, to state agencies, federal law enforcement agencies, and other law enforcement agencies; and (2) to a municipality that levies a tax on those activities, if the municipality

(A) request the records for the purpose of verifying taxes payable;
and

(B) agrees to maintain the confidentiality of the records.”

On page 4, line 1, the word “amended” was deleted and replaced with “repealed and replaced.” This is to make this section conform to the changes above.

In the House Resources Committee, sections 1 and 2 of version J the bill were amended to limit municipalities’ access to hunt and sport fishing records to activities occurring within four calendar years preceding a request for them.

Specifically, from page 1, line 13, through page 2, line 3 of version J of the bill, all material was deleted and the following was inserted:

“(2) to a municipality that levies a tax on those activities, if the
(A) information concerns hunts or activities occurring within the
the four calendar years preceding the date of the request; and
(B) municipality

- (i) requests the records for the purpose of verifying taxes payable; and
- (ii) agrees to maintain the confidentiality of the records.”

From page 2, line 31 through page 3, line 2 of version J, all material was deleted and replaced with:

(5) records or reports of guided sport fishing activities filed by a guide to a municipality that levies a tax on those activities if the

(A) municipality requests the records for the purpose of verifying taxes payable; and

(B) activities occurred within the four calendar years preceding the date of the request;”

On page 4 of Version J, lines 3 through 13 were deleted.

Also in the House Resources Committee, a new bill section was added giving the Department of Commerce authority to charge a municipality a fee for accessing hunt records, should expenses to the department warrant one.

Specifically, on page 2, line 4, of version J of the bill, AS 08.54.760 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

“(d) the department may charge a municipality a fee, set by the department under AS 37.10.050, to provide a record under (b)(2) of this section.”

And finally, in the House Resources Committee, a new bill section was added giving the Department of Fish & Game authority to charge a municipality a fee for accessing sport fishing records, should expenses to the department warrant one.

Specifically, on page 4, line 3, of version J of the bill, AS 16.05.815 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

“(e) The department may charge a municipality a fee, set by the department under AS 37.10.050, to provide a record under (a)(5) of this section.”

Bill sections were renumbered accordingly.