

Senate Bill 134 Related Statutes

Article 1. Big Game Guides and Transporters.

Chapter 54. Big Game Guides and Related Occupations.

Sec. 08.54.605. Eligibility for licenses.

(a) Notwithstanding AS 08.54.610, 08.54.620, 08.54.630, 08.54.650, and 08.54.660, a person may not receive, hold, or renew a registered guide-outfitter license, master guide-outfitter license, class-A assistant guide license, assistant guide license, or transporter license if

(1) the person has been convicted of

(A) a violation of a state or federal hunting, guiding, or transportation services statute or regulation for which

(i) the person was imprisoned for more than five days within the previous five years;

(ii) an unsuspended fine of more than \$2,000 was imposed in the previous 12 months;

(iii) an unsuspended fine of more than \$3,000 was imposed in the previous 36 months; or

(iv) an unsuspended fine of more than \$5,000 was imposed in the previous 60 months;

(B) a felony within the last five years; or

(C) a felony offense against the person under AS 11.41 within the last 10 years; or

(2) the person's right to obtain, or exercise the privileges granted by, a hunting, guiding, outfitting, or transportation services license is suspended or revoked in this state or another state or in Canada.

(b) Notwithstanding (a) of this section, (a)(1)(B) and (C) of this section are not applicable to offenses committed by a person who receives or received any class of guide license or a transporter license under sec. 13, ch. 33, SLA 1996, if the offense was committed before May 23, 1996. This subsection does not apply when a person applies for a license that is different from the class of guide license or the transporter license received under sec. 13, ch. 33, SLA 1996.

(c) A person may not receive a certification for a game management unit if the person is prohibited by (a) of this section from receiving or renewing a registered guide-outfitter license or master guide-outfitter license.

Sec. 08.54.610. Registered guide-outfitter license.

(a) A natural person is entitled to a registered guide-outfitter license if the person

(1) is 21 years of age or older;

(2) has practical field experience in the handling of firearms, hunting, judging trophies, field preparation of meat and trophies, first aid, photography, and related guiding and outfitting activities;

(3) either

(A) has passed the qualification examination prepared by the board under AS 08.54.600; or

(B) provides evidence of 25 years of experience as a class-A assistant guide or class-A assistant guide-outfitter;

(4) has passed a certification examination prepared by the board under AS 08.54.600 for at least one game management unit;

(5) has legally hunted big game in the state for part of each of any five years in a manner directly contributing to the person's experience and competency as a guide;

(6) has been licensed as and performed the services of a class-A assistant guide or assistant guide, or of a class-A assistant guide-outfitter or assistant guide-outfitter under former AS 08.54.300 08.54.590, in the state for a part of each of three years;

(7) is capable of performing the essential duties associated with guiding and outfitting;

(8) has been favorably recommended in writing by eight big game hunters whose recommendations have been solicited by the department from a list provided by the applicant, including at least two favorable recommendations for each year of any three years during which the person was a class-A assistant guide or assistant guide, or a class-A assistant guide-outfitter or assistant guide-outfitter under former AS 08.54.300 08.54.590;

(9) has provided proof of financial responsibility if required by the department under AS 08.54.680; and

(10) has applied for a registered guide-outfitter license on a form provided by the department and paid the license application fee and the registered guide-outfitter license fee.

(b) A master guide-outfitter license authorizes a registered guide-outfitter to use the title master guide-outfitter, but is for all other purposes under this chapter a registered guide-outfitter license.

A natural person is entitled to receive a renewable master guide-outfitter license if the person

(1) is, at the time of application for a master guide-outfitter license, licensed as a registered guide-outfitter under this section;

(2) has been licensed in this state as a registered guide or a guide-outfitter, under former AS 08.54.010 08.54.240, former AS 08.54.300 08.54.590, or this chapter, for at least 15 of the last 20 years, including the year immediately preceding the year in which the person applies for a master guide-outfitter license;

(3) submits a list to the department of at least 45 clients for whom the person has personally provided guiding or outfitting services and the person receives a favorable evaluation from 30 of the clients selected from the list by the department;

(4) has not been convicted of an offense under AS 08.54.720(a) or a similar law in another jurisdiction related to hunting or to the provision of big game hunting or transportation services within the 15 years preceding the date of the application; and

(5) applies for a master guide-outfitter license on a form provided by the department and pays the application fee, if any.

(c) A registered guide-outfitter may contract to guide or outfit hunts for big game and may provide transportation services, personally or through an assistant, to big game hunters who are clients of the registered guide-outfitter.

(d) Notwithstanding AS 08.54.750, a person who is licensed as a registered guide-outfitter may be employed by another registered guide-outfitter to provide the services of

(1) a class-A assistant guide in a game management unit if the registered guide-outfitter providing the services of a class-A assistant guide is able to demonstrate, to the satisfaction of the board, adequate knowledge of and experience in the game management unit; and

(2) an assistant guide in any game management unit.

(e) A registered guide-outfitter who contracts for a guided hunt shall be primarily in the field supervising and participating in the contracted hunt. The contracting registered guide-outfitter shall also conduct the hunt, unless the hunt, under regulations adopted by the board, is being conducted by a class-A assistant guide or a registered guide-outfitter employed by the contracting registered guide-outfitter.