

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

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SB 230 Sponsor Statement, Version B

SB 230 would resolve a number of issues currently facing Alaska's trapping community. Since long before statehood Alaska has had a strong tradition of trapping, this bill seeks to protect those trappers who build and maintain a trapping cabin on State land by clearly defining what is expected in the permitting and reissuing of permit process.

This bill would define the costs associated with receiving a permit and would update the program to require that permits for trapping cabins be permitted only under the Trapping Cabin Permit Program.

This bill would also update Alaska Statute to allow for the reissuing of permits for trapping cabins under the Trapping Cabin Permit Program. Current Statute does not allow for the Department to reissue permits for already constructed cabins under the Trapping Cabin Construction Permit program. This bill would update the Statute so all permits are issued as Trapping Cabin Permits and would cover both construction of a cabin and reissue of a permit for a cabin.

I urge Members of the 32nd Alaska State Legislature to support this Legislation to help Alaskan trappers.