

Trapping Cabin Permits HB 125



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Current Trapping Cabins Statutes



Alaska Constitution, Article 8

Title 38.95 Miscellaneous Provisions

AS 38.95.075 Permits for the Use of Trapping Cabins (*existing cabins*)

AS 38.95.080 Trapping Cabin Construction Permits (*new cabins*)

Trapping cabins are for temporary shelter while trapping

Permits for Use of Trapping Cabins (*Existing Cabins*)



AS 38.95.075 the commissioner shall issue a nonexclusive, nontransferable permit to an individual for the use of a trapping cabin when the applicant provides to the commissioner a verified statement by the local fish and game advisory committee of the area in which the cabin is located that states that

- (1) the applicant had used the cabin on a regular basis for trapping before August 1, 1984;
- (2) the past, present, and intended use of the cabin is for temporary shelter while trapping; and
- (3) the applicant is the owner of the cabin or has the concurrence of the owner of the cabin or there is no owner of the cabin.

Trapping Cabin Construction Permits (*New Cabins*)



AS 38.95.080 The commissioner may issue a nontransferable permit for the construction of a trapping cabin on state land to a person who meets the following qualifications:

- (1) the person must have an established trapline with proof of regular use;
- (2) the person must have a trapline of sufficient length to justify the need for cabin construction.

HB 125 Overview



HB 125 revises AS 38.95.080 (*new cabins*) and repeals AS 38.95.075 (*existing cabins*):

- Allows DNR to issue a trapping cabin permit for an existing cabin
- Outlines conditions of the permit to include term
 - Permit is valid for a period of not more than 10 years
 - Director shall renew the permit for successive periods of not more than 10 years
- Sets application fee and annual land use fee

Benefits



- Trappers will be able to obtain trapping cabin permits for existing cabins on state lands, saving construction time and costs
- Potentially resolves trespass issues by issuing trapping cabin permits for existing cabins that are used for temporary shelter while trapping
- Allows the Department to issue permits for cabins currently that are used for trapping but do not qualify under AS 38.95.075.
- Facilitates trapping industry growth as newer trappers are now able use pre-existing cabins
- Sets the fee in statute, which was a concern by trappers
- Provides further clarity and guidance on the conditions for issuing trapping cabin permits

Conclusion

- The Department supports HB 125
- DNR worked with ATA to address concerns
- HB 125 resolves the issue with the current statute which prevents issuance of permits for existing cabins



Thank You!



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