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HOUSE BILL 201

RESIDENCY REQ: HUNTING, TRAPPING, FISHING

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“An Act changing the residency requirements for hunting, trapping, and sport fishing privileges; and providing for an effective date.”

ALLOWABLE ABSENCES

(Updated 1.4.24)

Under AS 43.23.008, an individual can be absent from the state for more than 180 days and still qualify as a resident of Alaska under the following circumstances:

- **Education-Related Absences:** These include receiving secondary or post-secondary education on a full-time basis, or full-time vocational, professional, or other specific education for which a comparable program is not available in Alaska.
- **Military Service:** Serving on active duty in the U.S. armed forces, or accompanying a family member who is serving and is eligible for a dividend.
- **Merchant Marine Service:** Serving under foreign or coastal articles of employment aboard a U.S. oceangoing vessel.
- **Medical Treatment:** Receiving continuous medical treatment recommended by a licensed physician, or convalescing as recommended by the physician, provided the treatment isn't for climatic change.
- **Caregiving:** Providing care for a critically ill family member, or for a terminally ill family member.
- **Settling an Estate:** Managing the estate of a deceased family member, as long as the absence doesn't exceed 220 cumulative days.
- **Congressional Service:** Serving as a member of the U.S. Congress or on the staff of an Alaskan member of Congress.
- **State Employment:** Working as a state employee in a field office or another location outside Alaska.
- **Accompanying a Minor or Eligible Resident:** Accompanying a minor for medical treatment or another eligible resident who is absent for an allowable reason.
- **Peace Corps and Olympic Training:** Serving in the federal Peace Corps or training/competing as a member of the U.S. Olympic Team.
- **Student Fellowships:** Participating in a student fellowship for educational purposes sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education or the U.S. Department of State.
- **Additional Absences:** Absences consistent with the individual's intent to remain an Alaska resident, subject to certain day limits based on the nature of other claimed absences.