

**SENATE BILL NO. 81**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 "An Act classifying the wolf as a predator and providing for a bounty on wolf."

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

3 \* **Section 1.** AS 16.35 is amended by adding new sections to read:

4 ARTICLE 2. WOLF.

5 Sec. 16.35.210. CLASSIFYING WOLF AS PREDATOR. (a) The wolf is a  
6 predator. The wolf is not a big game animal or a fur bearing animal.

7 (b) A wolf may be taken by any method or means without restriction.

8 (c) Wolf may be taken without a bag limit, a limitation on sex, age, size, or  
9 other restriction.

10 Sec. 16.35.220. BOUNTY. (a) The department shall pay a bounty of \$400  
11 for each wolf taken in the state and presented for identification and sealing or marking  
12 at an office of the department designated by the commissioner or at a regional office  
13 of the department.

14 (b) A person who claims the bounty on a wolf shall present the raw skin with  
15 the right foreleg, including ulna and radius bones, attached in a natural state. The

1 department shall retain the right foreleg and seal or mark each skin presented to  
2 indicate that the bounty had been paid for that skin. The claimant may retain the skin  
3 after it is sealed or marked. The department shall pay the bounty to the claimant  
4 within 30 days after presentment of the skin.

5 (c) The state shall accept all claims for payment of the bounty on a wolf that  
6 are made under this section. The payment of the bounty is a legal obligation of the  
7 state.

8 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 08.54.590(2) is amended to read:

9 (2) "big game" means brown bear, grizzly bear, caribou, moose, black  
10 bear, bison, Sitka blacktail deer, elk, mountain goat, musk-ox, [WOLF,] wolverine,  
11 mountain or Dall sheep;

12 \* **Sec. 3.** TRANSITION. Notwithstanding AS 16.35.210, as added by sec. 1 of this Act  
13 and sec. 4 of this Act, a person who holds an unused big game tag for wolf issued under  
14 AS 16.05.340(a) before the effective date of sec. 1 of this Act may take a wolf before  
15 January 1, 1996, under big game hunting regulations for wolf as those regulations existed on  
16 the day before the effective date of sec. 1 of this Act.

17 \* **Sec. 4.** AS 16.05.340(a)(15)(J) and 16.05.340(a)(21)(K) are repealed.