

HOUSE BILL NO. 59

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Referred: State Affairs, Resources, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to raffles and auctions of certain permits to take big game; and**
2 **providing for an effective date."**

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 *** Section 1.** AS 16.05.343 is repealed and reenacted to read:

5 Sec. 16.05.343. AUCTIONS OR RAFFLES FOR BIG GAME HARVEST
6 PERMITS. (a) The department, subject to regulations adopted by the Board of Game,
7 may issue one bison harvest permit each year for a bison from the Delta bison herd
8 through a competitive auction or raffle. Notwithstanding AS 36.30, the department
9 may authorize a qualified organization to conduct the auction or raffle on behalf of the
10 department. If the auction or raffle is conducted by a qualified organization, the
11 organization may retain an amount from the gross proceeds of the auction or raffle
12 equal to the administrative cost of the auction or raffle plus (1) an amount not to
13 exceed 50 percent of the net proceeds, which the qualified organization shall use to
14 promote fish and game law enforcement, and (2) an amount not to exceed 10 percent

1 of the net proceeds, which the qualified organization may use for the purposes for
2 which the organization was established. All remaining proceeds from the auction or
3 raffle of the bison harvest permit whether conducted by the department or as otherwise
4 authorized by the department shall be deposited in the fish and game fund under
5 AS 16.05.100. The exercise of a privilege conferred by a bison harvest permit issued
6 under this subsection is subject to laws relating to the time, place, and manner of
7 taking bison from the Delta bison herd. In this subsection, "qualified organization"
8 means a nonprofit corporation established to promote fish and game law enforcement
9 or an organization established to promote management of hunted game species and
10 ethical use of game populations for hunting, that complies with applicable laws
11 governing activities under this section.

12 (b) The department, subject to regulations adopted by the commissioner, may
13 issue, through a competitive auction or raffle, up to two harvest permits each year for
14 each of the following big game species: Dall sheep, bison, musk ox, brown or grizzly
15 bear, moose, caribou, and wolf. Notwithstanding AS 36.30, the department may
16 authorize a qualified organization to conduct the auction or raffle on behalf of the
17 department. If the department does authorize a qualified organization to conduct an
18 auction or raffle for a big game species, the department shall make available to a
19 qualified organization based in the state at least one harvest permit for that species.
20 If the auction or raffle is conducted by a qualified organization, the organization may
21 retain an amount from the gross proceeds of the auction or raffle equal to the
22 administrative cost of the auction or raffle plus an amount not to exceed 10 percent
23 of the net proceeds. The proceeds from the auction or raffle of a big game harvest
24 permit may not be used to make a contribution to any candidate for political office or
25 to any organization supporting or opposing ballot propositions or to pay expenses
26 associated with lobbying the legislature or administration. All proceeds from the
27 auction or raffle of the big game harvest permit less the amount that is retained by a
28 qualified organization under this subsection shall be deposited in the fish and game
29 fund under AS 16.05.100. A person who is issued a big game harvest permit under
30 this subsection shall receive upon the person's request a complimentary hunting license
31 and a big game tag for the big game species for which the big game harvest permit

1 is issued. A hunting license issued under this subsection must bear the inscription
2 "Governor's license" or a similar designation. A person who receives a big game
3 harvest permit, hunting license, or big game tag under this subsection may exercise the
4 privileges conveyed by the permit, license, or tag only in accordance with applicable
5 law. In this subsection, "qualified organization" means a nonprofit organization that
6 is established to promote management of hunted game species and ethical use of game
7 populations for hunting and that complies with applicable laws governing activities
8 under this subsection.

9 (c) Activities conducted by the department, or on behalf of the department,
10 under this section are not subject to AS 05.15.

11 * **Sec. 2.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).