

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 59(RES)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

**Offered: 3/20/95
Referred: Finance**

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES BUNDE, Toohey, Rokeberg

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 AS 16.05.343 is repealed and reenacted to read: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 an amount not to exceed
13 10 percent of the net proceeds, which the qualified organization may use for the
14 purposes for which the organization was established. All remaining proceeds from the

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

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

1 harvest permit, hunting license, or big game tag under this subsection may exercise the
2 privileges conveyed by the permit, license, or tag only in accordance with applicable
3 law. In this subsection, "qualified organization" means a nonprofit corporation
4 established to promote fish and game law enforcement or an organization that is
5 established to promote management of hunted game species and use of game
6 populations for hunting and that complies with applicable laws governing activities
7 under this subsection.

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

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