

**SENATE BILL NO. 252**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Referred: RES, FIN

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 "An Act relating to fish and game licenses, tags, and permits; and providing for  
2 an effective date."

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

4 \* **Section 1.** AS 16.05.340(a)(1) is amended to read:

5 (1) Resident sport fishing license . . . . . **\$5** [\$15]

6 The [HOWEVER, THE] fee is 25 cents for a resident who is blind or is a person  
7 with physical disabilities.

8 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 16.05.340(a)(2) is amended to read:

9 (2) Resident hunting license . . . . . **5** [25]

10 \* **Sec. 3.** AS 16.05.340(a)(3) is amended to read:

11 (3) Resident hunting and trapping license . . . . . **10** [40]

12 \* **Sec. 4.** AS 16.05.340(a)(4) is amended to read:

13 (4) Resident trapping license . . . . . **5** [15]

14 \* **Sec. 5.** AS 16.05.340(a)(5) is amended to read:

1 (5) Resident hunting and sport fishing license . . . . . **10** [40]

2 \* **Sec. 6.** AS 16.05.340(a)(6) is amended to read:

3 (6) Resident hunting, trapping, and sport fishing license . . **15** [55];  
4 The [(A) HOWEVER, THE] fee is \$5 for a resident [AN APPLICANT] who (A) [(i)]  
5 is receiving or has received assistance during the preceding six months under any state  
6 or federal welfare program to aid the indigent, or (B) [(ii)] has an annual family gross  
7 income of less than \$8,200 from all sources for the calendar year preceding  
8 application; [(B)] a person applying [PAYING \$5] for a \$5 resident hunting, trapping,  
9 and sport fishing license based on annual family gross income must provide proof  
10 of eligibility by presenting a copy of the person’s federal income tax return for the  
11 prior calendar year [UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH WHEN REQUESTED BY THE  
12 DEPARTMENTS].

13 \* **Sec. 7.** AS 16.05.340(a)(7) is amended to read:

14 (7) Nonresident special sport fishing license - valid for the period  
15 inscribed on the license  
16 (A) For 14-day license . . . . . **\$10** [\$30]  
17 (B) For three-day license . . . . . **10** [15]  
18 (C) For one-day license . . . . . **5** [10]

19 \* **Sec. 8.** AS 16.05.340(a)(8) is amended to read:

20 (8) Nonresident sport fishing license . . . . . **25** [50]

21 \* **Sec. 9.** AS 16.05.340(a)(9) is amended to read:

22 (9) Nonresident hunting license . . . . . **50** [85]

23 \* **Sec. 10.** AS 16.05.340(a)(10) is amended to read:

24 (10) Nonresident hunting and sport fishing license . . . . . **75** [135]  
25 A nonresident may not take a big game animal without previously purchasing a  
26 numbered, nontransferable, appropriate tag, issued under (15) of this subsection. The  
27 tag must be affixed to the animal immediately upon capture and must remain affixed  
28 until the animal is prepared for storage, consumed, or exported. A tag issued but not  
29 used for an animal may be used to satisfy the tagging requirement for an animal of any  
30 other species for which the tag fee is of equal or less value.

31 \* **Sec. 11.** AS 16.05.340(a)(11) is amended to read:

1 (11) Nonresident hunting and trapping license . . . . . \$150 [\$250]

2 \* **Sec. 12.** AS 16.05.340(a)(12) is amended to read:

3 (12) Fur dealers

4 (A) Resident fur dealer biennial license . . . . . 50 [\$150]

5 (B) Nonresident fur dealer biennial license . . . . . 170 [500]

6 \* **Sec. 13.** AS 16.05.340(a)(13) is amended to read:

7 (13) Taxidermists

8 (A) Resident taxidermy biennial license . . . . . 100 [200]

9 (B) Nonresident taxidermy biennial license . . . . . 250 [500]

10 \* **Sec. 14.** AS 16.05.340(a)(14) is amended to read:

11 (14) Aquatic farming triennial license . . . . . 100 [400]

12 \* **Sec. 15.** AS 16.05.340(a)(15) is amended to read:

13 (15) Nonresident big game tags

14 (A) Bear, black, each . . . . . 20 [225]

15 (B) Bear, brown or grizzly, each . . . . . 100 [500]

16 (C) Bison, each . . . . . 100 [450]

17 (D) Caribou, each . . . . . 100 [325]

18 (E) Deer, each . . . . . 50 [150]

19 (F) Elk, each . . . . . 100 [300]

20 (G) Goat, each . . . . . 100 [300]

21 (H) Moose, each . . . . . 200 [400]

22 (I) Sheep, each . . . . . 200 [425]

23 (J) Wolf, each . . . . . 20 [175]

24 (K) Wolverine, each . . . . . 50 [175]

25 (L) Musk oxen, each . . . . . 500 [1,100]

26 \* **Sec. 16.** AS 16.05.340(a)(16) is amended to read:

27 (16) Resident big game tags

28 [(A) BEAR, BROWN OR GRIZZLY, EACH . . . . . \$ 25

29 THE BOARD OF GAME MAY, BY REGULATION EFFECTIVE FOR NOT

30 MORE THAN ONE YEAR, ELIMINATE THE RESIDENT BROWN OR

31 GRIZZLY BEAR TAG AND FEE FOR ALL OR A PORTION OF A GAME

1 MANAGEMENT UNIT.

2 (B)] Musk oxen, each . . . . . **100** [500]  
3 However, the Board of Game may by regulation reduce or eliminate the fee for  
4 a resident big game tag for musk oxen for an open season.

5 \* **Sec. 17.** AS 16.05.340(a)(17) is amended to read:

6 (17) Waterfowl conservation tag . . . . . **\$1** [\$5]

7 [(A)] A person may not engage in waterfowl hunting without  
8 having the current year’s waterfowl tag in the person’s actual possession,  
9 unless that person

10 (i) qualifies for a \$5 license fee under (6) of this  
11 subsection;

12 (ii) is a resident under the age of 16;

13 (iii) is 60 years of age or older and is a resident; **or**

14 (iv) is a disabled veteran eligible for a free license under  
15 AS 16.05.341.

16 [(B) THE BOARD OF GAME SHALL BY REGULATION  
17 EXEMPT THE REQUIREMENT OF A WATERFOWL CONSERVATION  
18 TAG FOR WATERFOWL HUNTING IN AREAS OF THE STATE NOT  
19 LIKELY TO BENEFIT FROM PROGRAMS DESCRIBED IN  
20 AS 16.05.130(b)(2) - (4).]

21 \* **Sec. 18.** AS 16.05.340(a)(18) is amended to read:

22 (18) Game farming

23 (A) Game mammal or game reptile farming biennial license  
24 . . . . . **\$100** [\$250]

25 (B) Game bird farming biennial license . . . . . **20** [50]

26 \* **Sec. 19.** AS 16.05.340(a)(19) is amended to read:

27 (19) Nonresident small game hunting license . . . . . **10** [20]

28 \* **Sec. 20.** AS 16.05.340(a)(22) is amended to read:

29 (22) Chitina personal use salmon dip net fishing permit . . . **5** [10]

30 \* **Sec. 21.** AS 16.05.340(c) is amended to read:

31 (c) The commissioner **shall** [MAY] issue a duplicate license, [OR] a duplicate

1 tag, or duplicate permit as a replacement for a license, [OR] tag, or permit issued  
2 under (a) of this section. A fee of \$5 shall be charged for each duplicate license, [OR]  
3 tag, or permit; however, a fee of \$2 shall be charged for each duplicate of reduced  
4 fee license issued to an indigent or low income person under (a)(6) of this section.  
5 The duplicate license, [OR] tag, or permit may not be issued unless the commissioner  
6 or a delegate is satisfied that the original has been lost or destroyed.

7 \* **Sec. 22.** AS 16.05.340 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

8 (g) Notwithstanding (a) of this section, a resident sport fishing license shall be  
9 issued for no charge if, during the preceding calendar year, more than 75 percent of  
10 the total number of fish, of all species, taken in the state were taken by commercial  
11 fisheries. By December 1 of each calendar year, the commissioner shall determine  
12 whether commercial fisheries harvested more than 75 percent of the total number of  
13 fish, of all species, taken in the state during that calendar year and shall announce  
14 whether a fee may be charged for a resident sport fishing license during the next  
15 calendar year. During a year in which sport fishing licenses are issued for no charge  
16 under this subsection, the fee charged for the resident combined hunting and sport  
17 fishing license and the resident combined hunting, trapping, and sport fishing license  
18 shall be reduced by the amount equal to the fee that the applicant would otherwise pay  
19 to obtain a resident sport fishing license if a fee were charged for a resident sport  
20 fishing license. This subsection does not exempt a person from the requirement under  
21 AS 16.05.330(a) that a person shall have a sport fishing license in actual possession  
22 when engaged in sport fishing.

23 \* **Sec. 23.** AS 16.05.346(a) is amended to read:

24 (a) If the Board of Game establishes an open season for musk oxen and has  
25 not reduced or eliminated the [\$500] resident **big game** tag fee **for musk oxen** under  
26 AS 16.05.340(a) [AS 16.05.340(a)(16)], the department shall conduct a drawing for  
27 permits to take the musk oxen. If the Board of Game establishes an open season for  
28 musk oxen for which the Board of Game has reduced or eliminated the resident **big**  
29 **game** tag fee, the department shall issue permits to take the musk oxen in the order  
30 in which applications are received by the department. A person is not eligible for  
31 more than one musk oxen permit a year. The department may not charge a fee for an

1 application for a musk oxen permit for an open season in which the Board of Game  
2 has reduced or eliminated the resident **big game** tag fee under **AS 16.05.340(a)** [AS  
3 16.05.340(a)(16)]. In all other cases the application fee for a musk oxen permit is \$10.

4 \* **Sec. 24.** AS 16.05.340(a)(20), 16.05.340(a)(21), 16.05.340(a)(23), and 16.05.340(a)(24)  
5 are repealed.

6 \* **Sec. 25.** This Act takes effect January 1, 1997.