

SENATE BILL NO. 257

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to the taking of game or fish for public safety purposes."

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

3 * **Section 1.** AS 16.05.050(6) is amended to read:

4 (6) to **take**, capture, propagate, transport, buy, sell, or exchange fish or
5 game or eggs for propagating, scientific, **public safety**, or stocking purposes;

6 * **Sec. 2.** AS 16.05.255(a) is amended to read:

7 (a) The Board of Game may adopt regulations it considers advisable in
8 accordance with AS 44.62 (Administrative Procedure Act) for

9 (1) setting apart game reserve areas, refuges, and sanctuaries in the
10 water or on the land of the state over which it has jurisdiction, subject to the approval
11 of the legislature;

12 (2) establishing open and closed seasons and areas for the taking of
13 game;

14 (3) establishing the means and methods employed in the pursuit,
15 capture, **taking**, and transport of game, including regulations, consistent with

1 (A) resource conservation and development goals, establishing
2 means and methods that may be employed by persons with physical disabilities;

3 or

4 **(B) the public safety and welfare;**

5 (4) setting quotas, bag limits, harvest levels, and sex, age, and size
6 limitations on the taking of game;

7 (5) classifying game as game birds, song birds, big game animals, fur
8 bearing animals, predators, or other categories;

9 (6) methods, means, and harvest levels necessary to control predation
10 and competition among game in the state;

11 (7) watershed and habitat improvement, and management, conservation,
12 protection, use, disposal, propagation, and stocking of game;

13 (8) prohibiting the live capture, possession, transport, or release of
14 native or exotic game or their eggs;

15 (9) establishing the times and dates during which the issuance of game
16 licenses, permits, and registrations and the transfer of permits and registrations between
17 registration areas and game management units or subunits is allowed;

18 (10) regulating sport hunting and subsistence hunting as needed for the
19 conservation, development, and utilization of game;

20 **(11) taking game to ensure public safety.**