

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 72(FIN)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Offered: 2/26/01

Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): SENATORS KELLY, Halford, Taylor, Green, Ward, Donley, Leman, Austerman, Cowdery, Wilken, Therriault

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to 'take-a-child-hunting' seasons for big game."**

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

3 * **Section 1.** AS 16.05.255 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

4 (j) For the purpose of encouraging adults to take children hunting, the board
5 shall establish annual hunting seasons in appropriate areas of the state for big game,
6 other than bison and musk ox, that are open before schools start in the fall and before
7 regular hunting seasons begin. Only a resident child accompanied by a resident adult
8 or a child accompanied by the child's resident parent, resident stepparent, or resident
9 legal guardian may engage in big game hunting in an area where a season established
10 under this subsection is in effect. In this subsection,

11 (1) "adult" means an individual who is 21 years of age or older;

12 (2) "child" means an individual who is not more than 17 years of age
13 and not younger than eight years of age.