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**SENATE BILL NO. 147**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to control of nuisance wild animals; and providing for an effective**  
2 **date."**

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

4 **\* Section 1.** AS 16.05.255(a) is amended to read:

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

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

10 (2) establishing open and closed seasons and areas for the taking of  
11 game;

12 (3) establishing the means and methods employed in the pursuit,  
13 capture, taking, and transport of game, including regulations, consistent with resource  
14 conservation and development goals, establishing means and methods that may be

1 employed by persons with physical disabilities;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

17 (11) taking game to ensure public safety;

18 **(12) regulating the activities of persons licensed to control nuisance**  
19 **wild birds and nuisance wild small mammals.**

20 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 16.05.330(a) is amended to read:

21 (a) Except as otherwise permitted in this chapter, without having the  
22 appropriate license or tag in actual possession, a person may not engage in

23 (1) sport fishing, including the taking of razor clams;

24 (2) hunting, trapping, or fur dealing;

25 (3) the farming of fish, fur, or game; [OR]

26 (4) taxidermy; **or**

27 **(5) control of nuisance wild birds and nuisance wild small**  
28 **mammals for compensation.**

29 \* **Sec. 3.** AS 16.05.340(a) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

30 (25) Nuisance wild animal control license ..... \$100.

31 \* **Sec. 4.** AS 16.05.340(b) is amended to read:

1 (b) The commissioner may issue without cost a permit to collect fish and  
 2 game, including fur animals, subject to limitations and provisions that are appropriate,  
 3 for a scientific, propagative, or educational purpose. **The commissioner also may**  
 4 **issue without cost a permit for the noncommercial control of nuisance wild birds**  
 5 **or nuisance wild small mammals.** The commissioner also may issue a permit for the  
 6 collection of bivalve spat for use in connection with an aquatic farm. In addition, the  
 7 commissioner shall issue a permit for the collecting of wild fur animals for improving  
 8 the genetic stock of fur farm animals. Permits issued under this subsection shall be in  
 9 accordance with current sustained yield management practices for the species of wild  
 10 game for which the permit is requested. The annual permit fee for an Alaska resident  
 11 to collect wild fur animals for fur farming purposes is the same as the fee for resident  
 12 trappers.

13 \* **Sec. 5.** AS 16.05.340 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

14 (h) Subject to regulations adopted by the Board of Game, a person who holds  
 15 a nuisance wild animal control license may engage in the control of nuisance wild  
 16 birds and nuisance wild small mammals for compensation.

17 \* **Sec. 6.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
 18 read:

19 ADOPTION OF REGULATIONS. The Board of Game shall adopt regulations under  
 20 AS 16.05.255(a)(12), added by sec. 1 of this Act, governing the activities of a person who is  
 21 licensed to control nuisance wild birds and nuisance wild small mammals. The regulations  
 22 shall take effect July 1, 2004.

23 \* **Sec. 7.** Sections 2, 3, and 5 of this Act take effect July 1, 2004.

24 \* **Sec. 8.** Sections 1, 4, and 6 of this Act take effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).