

SENATE BILL NO. 155

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY SENATOR SEEKINS

Introduced: 3/20/03

Referred: Judiciary, Resources

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to hunting on the same day airborne; and providing for an effective**
2 **date."**

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

4 *** Section 1.** AS 16.05.783(a) is amended to read:

5 (a) A person may not shoot or assist in shooting a free-ranging wolf,
6 wolverine, fox, or lynx the same day that a person has been airborne. However, the
7 Board of Game may authorize a predator control program involving airborne or same
8 day airborne shooting [FROM THE AIR] if

9 (1) the commissioner of fish and game acting under a request from the
10 Board of Game makes written findings based on [PREY POPULATION] objectives
11 set by the board under AS 16.05.255(g) that

12 (A) predation is an important factor contributing to a low or
13 declining prey population that is inconsistent with a game management
14 program authorized by the Board of Game, and that a reduction of predation

1 can reasonably be expected to result in aiding an increase in the prey
2 population or in arresting the decline of the prey population; or

3 (B) a disease or parasite of a predator population

4 (i) is threatening the normal biological condition of the
5 predator population; or

6 (ii) if left untreated, would spread to other populations;

7 and

8 (2) the commissioner determines that airborne or same day airborne
9 shooting is necessary to accomplish a game management program authorized by the
10 Board of Game.

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