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**CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 329(RES) am H**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

**BY THE SENATE RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**Amended: 5/9/04**

**Offered: 3/26/04**

**Sponsor(s): SENATOR BUNDE BY REQUEST**

**REPRESENTATIVE McGuire**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to control of nuisance moose."**

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

3 **\* Section 1.** AS 16.05 is amended by adding a new section to read:

4 **Sec. 16.05.052. Nuisance moose.** The department shall avoid destruction of

5 nuisance moose if a practicable alternative exists for the relocation of the moose to

6 suitable habitat where the moose will not be a nuisance. The commissioner may

7 authorize one or more private individuals or groups to relocate nuisance moose to

8 suitable habitat designated by the department if, upon review and evaluation of a

9 written application and proposal, the commissioner finds that the individual or group

10 is qualified to relocate nuisance moose without undue danger to the public,

11 themselves, or the moose. Before relocating nuisance moose, an authorized individual

12 or group shall provide financial assurances acceptable to the commissioner that will

13 cover the state's reasonable anticipated costs of the relocation and indemnify the state

14 for liability for damages to private persons and property arising from the actions of the

15 individual or group in relocating nuisance moose under this section. The authorized

1 individual or group shall reimburse the state for its costs that arise from relocating  
2 nuisance moose. A civil action to recover damages or costs that arise from relocating  
3 nuisance moose may not be brought against the state or a political subdivision, officer,  
4 or employee of the state. If darts containing narcotics are used to tranquilize moose,  
5 all of the darts shall be recovered and properly disposed. In this section, "nuisance  
6 moose" means moose designated by the department in an area of concentrated human  
7 population that pose a significant risk to the health, safety, or economic well-being of  
8 persons in the area.