

HOUSE BILL NO. 464

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to the possession of the edible meat of big game animals."**

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

3 *** Section 1.** AS 16.30 is amended by adding a new section to read:

4 **Sec. 16.30.013. Retention of horns or antlers.** (a) Subject to (b) of this
5 section, a person who takes a big game animal may retain the horns or antlers of the
6 animal if, at the first point of arrival from the field, the person

7 (1) possesses at least 50 percent of the edible meat of the animal; or

8 (2) has delivered that portion of the edible meat of the animal not
9 possessed by the person to another person and possesses a written document signed by
10 the recipient of the meat stating the quantity of edible meat received.

11 (b) A person may not retain the horns or antlers of a big game animal if the
12 person is convicted of a violation of AS 16.30.012 for failing to possess the edible
13 meat of that big game animal.

14 (c) Unless the person is authorized under (a) of this section to retain the horns
15 or antlers, a person who takes a big game animal and removes the horns or antlers of

1 the animal from the field shall deliver the horns or antlers to the department.

2 (d) For purposes of this section, it is presumed that a person possesses at least
3 50 percent of the edible meat of a big game animal if the quantity of edible meat
4 possessed by a person equals or exceeds 50 percent of the edible meat reasonably
5 expected to be recovered from the big game animal as may be determined by the board
6 by regulation.

7 (e) In this section,

8 (1) "delivered" has the meaning given in AS 16.30.017;

9 (2) "field" has the meaning given in AS 08.54.790.

10 * **Sec. 2.** AS 16.30.017(b) is amended to read:

11 (b) It is a defense to a criminal charge under AS 16.30.012 that the defendant
12 does not possess the edible meat of the big game animal because the meat was

13 (1) consumed by human beings; or

14 (2) delivered to another person; **the delivery of edible meat to**
15 **another person must be documented in writing by a statement signed by the**
16 **recipient of the meat that states the quantity of edible meat received.**