

**CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 274(STA)**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Offered: 3/24/06

Referred: Finance

Sponsor(s): SENATORS DYSON, Huggins, Stedman, Green, Bunde, Therriault, Gary Stevens, Cowdery, Wagoner, Ben Stevens

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 "An Act relating to the disposition of forfeited, surplus, and unclaimed firearms by the  
2 state."

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

4 \* **Section 1.** AS 12.36.030(a) is amended to read:

5 (a) Unless the property is a firearm, ammunition, or a firearm part  
6 subject to AS 18.65.340, if [IF] property that is used as evidence in a criminal  
7 proceeding or a children's court proceeding, including wrongfully taken or damaged  
8 property, is not claimed by the owner within one year after the final disposition of the  
9 case, the law enforcement agency having custody of the property shall dispose of it  
10 under (b) of this section.

11 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 18.65.340 is repealed and reenacted to read:

12 **Sec. 18.65.340. Disposal of firearms and ammunition by the state.** (a)  
13 Except as provided by (b) of this section, the state may only dispose of forfeited,  
14 surplus, or recovered but unclaimed firearms and ammunition by

- 1 (1) public sale not limited to firearms dealers;  
 2 (2) trade-in for credit in the purchase of a firearm;  
 3 (3) donation as provided by the regulations of the department making  
 4 the donation; or  
 5 (4) transfer to a state or municipal law enforcement agency.

6 (b) If state or federal law prohibits the sale of a particular surplus firearm  
 7 under (a)(1) of this section, the department that is disposing of the surplus firearm  
 8 shall

- 9 (1) sell the surplus firearm to a firearms dealer who has the appropriate  
 10 federal license to buy the surplus firearm;  
 11 (2) donate the surplus firearm under (a)(3) of this section; or  
 12 (3) dismantle the surplus firearm, destroy those surplus firearm parts  
 13 that cause the sale of the surplus firearm under (a)(1) of this section to be prohibited,  
 14 and dispose of the other parts of the surplus firearm under (a) of this section.

15 (c) If a department disposes of a surplus firearm under (a)(2), (3), or (4) of this  
 16 section, the department shall submit to the legislature each year during the legislature's  
 17 review of the department's budget a report that lists the surplus firearms that the  
 18 department has disposed of under (a)(2), (3), or (4) of this section during the previous  
 19 calendar year. The report must include a description of each surplus firearm and, for  
 20 each surplus firearm disposed of under

- 21 (1) (a)(2) of this section, the value of the firearm purchased and the  
 22 value received for the surplus firearm; and  
 23 (2) (a)(3) or (4) or (b)(2) of this section, the identity of the  
 24 governmental agency, the organization, or the individual to whom the surplus firearm  
 25 was donated or transferred.

26 (d) Notwithstanding AS 09.50.250 or another provision of law, the state, and  
 27 the officers, agents, and employees of the state, are not liable to any person, including  
 28 the purchaser of a surplus firearm or part of a surplus firearm, for personal injuries or  
 29 damage to property as a result of the sale of a firearm or a part of a firearm under (a)  
 30 of this section, unless the state conducts the sale with gross negligence or recklessness.

31 (e) In this section,

1                           (1) "department" means a department of state government listed in  
2 AS 44.17.005(2) - (15);

3                           (2) "surplus firearm" means a firearm or ammunition that is forfeited,  
4 surplus, or recovered but unclaimed.