

**SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 157**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVES GARA, Kawasaki, Tarr, Tuck

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Referred: House Special Committee on Fisheries, Resources, Finance

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to resident lifetime licenses for hunting, trapping, and sport fishing."**

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. 16.05.347. Resident lifetime hunting, trapping, and sport fishing**  
5 **licenses.** (a) A natural person who is a resident, as determined under AS 16.05.415, is  
6 eligible for a lifetime license under this section. The department shall issue resident  
7 lifetime

8 (1) sport fishing licenses;

9 (2) hunting licenses;

10 (3) trapping licenses;

11 (4) hunting and trapping licenses;

12 (5) hunting and sport fishing licenses; and

13 (6) hunting, trapping, and sport fishing licenses.

14 (b) The license fee for a license provided under this section shall be  
15 established by the department in regulation. The department shall set the cost of a

1 lifetime license issued to a resident under (a) of this section so that the total amount of  
 2 revenue collected by the department in issuing licenses under this section is not less  
 3 than the approximate amount of revenue that the department estimates it would  
 4 receive if the department were not to issue lifetime licenses under this section. The  
 5 department may consider an applicant's age in setting the fee for a lifetime license  
 6 issued under (a) of this section.

7 (c) The holder of a resident lifetime license issued under (a) of this section  
 8 shall pay the tag and permit fees required under AS 16.05.340.

9 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 16.05.350(a) is amended to read:

10 (a) Licenses, permits, and tags required under AS 16.05.330 - 16.05.430,  
 11 except **resident lifetime licenses**, biennial licenses, triennial licenses, the nonresident  
 12 sport fishing licenses, the resident trapping license, the nonresident anadromous king  
 13 salmon tags, the waterfowl conservation tag, and permits having a different specified  
 14 expiration date, expire at the close of December 31 following issuance.

15 \* **Sec. 3.** AS 16.05.350 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

16 (f) A resident lifetime license issued under AS 16.05.347 expires if the  
 17 licensee no longer meets the residency requirements in AS 16.05.415. A person issued  
 18 a resident lifetime license under AS 16.05.347 shall notify the department if the person

19 (1) claims residency in another state, territory, or country;

20 (2) obtains benefits under a claim of residency in another state,  
 21 territory, or country; or

22 (3) no longer intends to remain in the state indefinitely and make a  
 23 home in the state.

24 \* **Sec. 4.** AS 43.23.015(a) is amended to read:

25 (a) The commissioner shall adopt regulations under the Administrative  
 26 Procedure Act (AS 44.62) for determining the eligibility of individuals for permanent  
 27 fund dividends. The commissioner may require an individual to provide proof of  
 28 eligibility, and the commissioner may use other information available from other state  
 29 departments or agencies to determine the eligibility of an individual. The  
 30 commissioner shall consider all relevant circumstances in determining the eligibility  
 31 of an individual. However, **the commissioner may not consider the issuance of a**

1 **license under AS 16.05.347 as a factor in determining the eligibility of an**  
2 **individual, and** the residency of an individual's spouse may not be the principal factor  
3 relied **on** [UPON] by the commissioner in determining the residency of the individual.