

**HOUSE BILL NO. 158**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Referred: Resources, Judiciary, Finance

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 "An Act authorizing the commissioner of natural resources to implement a hunting  
2 guide concession program or otherwise limit the number of individuals authorized to  
3 conduct big game commercial guiding on state land."

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

5 \* **Section 1.** AS 38.05.020(b) is amended to read:

6 (b) The commissioner may

7 (1) establish reasonable procedures and adopt reasonable regulations  
8 necessary to carry out this chapter and, whenever necessary, issue directives or orders  
9 to the director to carry out specific functions and duties; regulations adopted by the  
10 commissioner shall be adopted under AS 44.62 (Administrative Procedure Act);  
11 orders by the commissioner classifying land, issued after January 3, 1959, are not  
12 required to be adopted under AS 44.62 (Administrative Procedure Act);

13 (2) enter into agreements considered necessary to carry out the  
14 purposes of this chapter, including agreements with federal and state agencies;

- 1 (3) review any order or action of the director;
- 2 (4) exercise the powers and do the acts necessary to carry out the  
3 provisions and objectives of this chapter;
- 4 (5) notwithstanding the provisions of any other section of this chapter,  
5 grant an extension of the time within which payments due on any exploration license,  
6 lease, or sale of state land, minerals, or materials may be made, including payment of  
7 rental and royalties, on a finding that compliance with the requirements is or was  
8 prevented by reason of war, riots, or acts of God;
- 9 (6) classify tracts for agricultural uses;
- 10 (7) after consulting with the Board of Agriculture and Conservation  
11 (AS 03.09.010), waive, postpone, or otherwise modify the development requirements  
12 of a contract for the sale of agricultural land if
- 13 (A) the land is inaccessible by road; or
- 14 (B) transportation, marketing, and development costs render  
15 the required development uneconomic;
- 16 (8) reconvey or relinquish land or an interest in land to the federal  
17 government if
- 18 (A) the land is described in an amended application for an  
19 allotment under 43 U.S.C. 1617; and
- 20 (B) the reconveyance or relinquishment is
- 21 (i) for the purposes provided in 43 U.S.C. 1617; and  
22 (ii) in the best interests of the state;
- 23 (9) lead and coordinate all matters relating to the state's review and  
24 authorization of resource development projects;
- 25 (10) exercise the powers and do the acts necessary to carry out the  
26 provisions and objectives of AS 43.90 that relate to this chapter;
- 27 **(11) implement a hunting guide concession program or otherwise**  
28 **limit the number of individuals authorized to conduct big game commercial**  
29 **guiding on state land.**