

**HOUSE BILL NO. 137**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Referred: Resources, Finance

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 "An Act raising certain fees related to sport fishing, hunting, and trapping; raising the  
2 age of eligibility for a sport fishing, hunting, or trapping license exemption for state  
3 residents to 65 years of age; requiring state residents to purchase big game tags to take  
4 certain species; and providing for an effective date."

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

6 \* **Section 1.** AS 16.05.340(a)(1) is amended to read:

7 (1) Resident sport fishing license ..... **\$20** [\$15]

8 However, the fee is **50** [25] cents for a resident who is blind.

9 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 16.05.340(a)(2) is amended to read:

10 (2) Resident hunting license ..... **35** [25]

11 \* **Sec. 3.** AS 16.05.340(a)(3) is amended to read:

12 (3) Resident hunting and trapping license ..... **50** [39]

13 \* **Sec. 4.** AS 16.05.340(a)(4) is amended to read:

14 (4) Resident trapping license ..... **20** [15]

1 \* **Sec. 5.** AS 16.05.340(a)(5) is amended to read:

2 (5) Resident hunting and sport fishing license ..... **50** [39]

3 \* **Sec. 6.** AS 16.05.340(a)(6) is amended to read:

4 (6) Resident hunting, trapping, and sport fishing license ..... **70** [53];

5 (A) however, the fee is **\$10** [\$5] for an applicant who

6 (i) IS RECEIVING OR HAS RECEIVED  
7 ASSISTANCE DURING THE PRECEDING SIX MONTHS UNDER  
8 ANY STATE OR FEDERAL WELFARE PROGRAM TO AID THE  
9 INDIGENT; OR

10 (ii) has an annual family gross income of less than  
11 **\$29,820** [\$8,200] for the year preceding application;

12 (B) a person paying **\$10** [\$5] for a resident hunting, trapping,  
13 and sport fishing license must provide proof of eligibility under this paragraph  
14 when requested by the department.

15 \* **Sec. 7.** AS 16.05.340(a)(7) is amended to read:

16 (7) Nonresident sport fishing license - valid for the period inscribed on  
17 the license

18 (A) For 14-day license ..... **75** [50]

19 (B) For seven-day license ..... **45** [30]

20 (C) For three-day license ..... **30** [20]

21 (D) For one-day license ..... **15** [10]

22 \* **Sec. 8.** AS 16.05.340(a)(8) is amended to read:

23 (8) Nonresident annual sport fishing license ..... **150** [100]

24 \* **Sec. 9.** AS 16.05.340(a)(9) is amended to read:

25 (9) Nonresident hunting license ..... **125** [85]

26 \* **Sec. 10.** AS 16.05.340(a)(11) is amended to read:

27 (11) Nonresident hunting and trapping license ..... **375** [250]

28 \* **Sec. 11.** AS 16.05.340(a)(15) is amended to read:

29 (15) Nonresident big game tags

30 A nonresident may not take a big game animal without previously purchasing a  
31 numbered, nontransferable, appropriate tag, issued under this paragraph. The tag must

1 be affixed to the animal immediately upon capture and must remain affixed until the  
 2 animal is prepared for storage, consumed, or exported. A tag issued but not used for an  
 3 animal may be used to satisfy the tagging requirement for an animal of any other  
 4 species for which the tag fee is of equal or less value.

5	(A) Bear, black, each .....	<b>335</b> [225]
6	(B) Bear, brown or grizzly, each .....	<b>750</b> [500]
7	(C) Bison, each .....	<b>675</b> [450]
8	(D) Caribou, each .....	<b>485</b> [325]
9	(E) Deer, each .....	<b>225</b> [150]
10	(F) Elk, each .....	<b>450</b> [300]
11	(G) Goat, each .....	<b>450</b> [300]
12	(H) Moose, each .....	<b>600</b> [400]
13	(I) Sheep, each .....	<b>635</b> [425]
14	(J) Wolf, each .....	<b>45</b> [30]

15 A nonresident is not required to have a nonresident wolf tag to take a wolf in a  
 16 game management unit if the Board of Game has adopted an intensive  
 17 management program under **AS 16.05.255(e)** [AS 16.05.255] for all or a  
 18 portion of the game management unit.

19	(K) Wolverine, each .....	<b>260</b> [175]
20	(L) Musk oxen, each .....	<b>1,650</b> [1,100]

21 \* **Sec. 12.** AS 16.05.340(a)(16) is amended to read:

22 (16) Resident big game tags

23	(A) Bear, brown or grizzly, each .....	<b>50</b> [25]
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24 The Board of Game may, by regulation effective for not more than one year,  
 25 eliminate the resident brown or grizzly bear tag and fee for all or a portion of a  
 26 game management unit.

27	(B) Musk oxen, each .....	<b>600</b> [500]
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28 However, the Board of Game may by regulation reduce or eliminate the  
 29 resident big game tag and fee for musk oxen for all or a portion of a game  
 30 management unit.

31	<b><u>(C) Bear, black, each .....</u></b>	<b>50</b>
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**The Board of Game may, by regulation effective for not more than one year, eliminate the resident black bear tag and fee for all or a portion of a game management unit.**

**(D) Bison, each ..... 100**

**(E) Caribou, each ..... 15**

**(F) Deer, each ..... 10**

**(G) Elk, each ..... 20**

**(H) Goat, each ..... 50**

**(I) Moose, each ..... 20**

**(J) Sheep, each ..... 50**

**(K) Wolf, each ..... 10**

**A resident is not required to have a resident wolf tag to take a wolf in a game management unit if the Board of Game has adopted an intensive management program under AS 16.05.255(e) for all or a portion of the game management unit.**

**(L) Wolverine, each ..... 10**

\* **Sec. 13.** AS 16.05.340(a)(17) is amended to read:

(17) Waterfowl conservation tag ..... 5

(A) A person may not engage in waterfowl hunting without having the current year's waterfowl tag in the person's actual possession, unless that person

(i) qualifies for a **\$10** [\$5] license fee under (6) of this subsection;

(ii) is a resident under the age of 16;

(iii) is **65** [60] years of age or older and is a resident;

(iv) is a disabled veteran eligible for a free license under AS 16.05.341.

(B) The Board of Game shall by regulation exempt the requirement of a waterfowl conservation tag for waterfowl hunting in areas of the state not likely to benefit from programs described in AS 16.05.130(b)(2) - (4).

1 \* **Sec. 14.** AS 16.05.340(a)(19) is amended to read:

2 (19) Nonresident small game hunting license ..... **30** [20]

3 \* **Sec. 15.** AS 16.05.340(a)(20) is amended to read:

4 (20) Nonresident alien hunting license ..... **450** [300]

5 A nonresident alien may not take a big game animal without previously purchasing a  
6 numbered, nontransferable, appropriate tag, issued under (21) of this subsection. The  
7 tag must be affixed to the animal immediately upon capture and must remain affixed  
8 until the animal is prepared for storage, consumed, or exported. A tag issued but not  
9 used for an animal may be used to satisfy the tagging requirement for an animal of any  
10 other species for which the tag fee is of equal or less value.

11 \* **Sec. 16.** AS 16.05.340(a)(21) is amended to read:

12 (21) Nonresident alien big game tags

13 (A) Bear, black, each ..... **450** [300]

14 (B) Bear, brown or grizzly, each ..... **975** [650]

15 (C) Bison, each ..... **975** [650]

16 (D) Caribou, each ..... **635** [425]

17 (E) Deer, each ..... **300** [200]

18 (F) Elk, each ..... **600** [400]

19 (G) Goat, each ..... **600** [400]

20 (H) Moose, each ..... **750** [500]

21 (I) Musk oxen, each ..... **2,250** [1,500]

22 (J) Sheep, each ..... **825** [550]

23 (K) Wolf, each ..... **75** [50]

24 A nonresident alien is not required to have a nonresident alien wolf tag to take  
25 a wolf in a game management unit if the Board of Game has adopted an  
26 intensive management program under **AS 16.05.255(e)** [AS 16.05.255] for all  
27 or a portion of the game management unit.

28 (L) Wolverine, each ..... **375** [250]

29 \* **Sec. 17.** AS 16.05.340(a)(23) is amended to read:

30 (23) Resident anadromous king salmon tag ..... **15** [10]

31 A resident may not engage in sport fishing for anadromous king salmon without

1 having the current year's anadromous king salmon tag in the resident's actual  
2 possession, unless that person

3 (A) qualifies for a 50 [25] cent license fee under (1) of this  
4 subsection;

5 (B) is under the age of 16;

6 (C) is 65 [60] years of age or older and has been a resident of  
7 the state for at least one year;

8 (D) is a disabled veteran eligible for a free license under  
9 AS 16.05.341; or

10 (E) qualifies for a \$10 [\$5] license fee under (6) of this  
11 subsection.

12 \* **Sec. 18.** AS 16.05.340(a)(24) is amended to read:

13 (24) Nonresident anadromous king salmon tag - valid for the period  
14 inscribed on the tag

15 (A) for a one-day tag ..... 15 [10]

16 (B) for a three-day tag ..... 30 [20]

17 (C) for a seven-day tag ..... 45 [30]

18 (D) for a 14-day tag ..... 75 [50]

19 (E) for an annual tag ..... 150 [100]

20 A nonresident may not engage in sport fishing for anadromous king salmon without  
21 having a valid anadromous king salmon tag in the person's actual possession, unless  
22 that person is under the age of 16. Members of the military service on active duty who  
23 are permanently stationed in the state, and their dependents, who do not qualify as  
24 residents under AS 16.05.415, may obtain an annual nonresident military anadromous  
25 king salmon tag for \$30 [\$20].

26 \* **Sec. 19.** AS 16.05.340(j) is amended to read:

27 (j) In addition to the fees for a sport fishing license set out in (a) and (d) of this  
28 section, each person who purchases a sport fishing license shall pay a sport fishing  
29 facility surcharge as set out in this subsection for the purpose of providing funding for  
30 sport fishing facilities. A person who is eligible for a \$10 [\$5] resident hunting,  
31 trapping, and sport fishing license under (a)(6) of this section or a free license under

1 AS 16.05.341 is exempt from payment of the surcharge imposed under this subsection.  
 2 The surcharge authorized by this subsection shall take effect on the date established by  
 3 regulation by the commissioner. The authority of the department to collect the  
 4 surcharge under this subsection terminates on December 31 of the calendar year in  
 5 which the principal amount of the bonds issued under AS 37.15.765 - 37.15.799,  
 6 together with the interest on them and any interest owing on unpaid installments of  
 7 interest, and all other obligations with respect to the bonds, are fully met and  
 8 discharged. The amount of the surcharge attached to each sport fishing license must be  
 9 clearly disclosed on the sport fishing license. The amount of the sport fishing facility  
 10 surcharge to be paid for each sport fishing license is as follows

11	(1) resident sport fishing license .....	\$ 9
12	(2) resident hunting and sport fishing license .....	9
13	(3) resident hunting, trapping, and sport fishing license .....	9
14	(4) nonresident 14-day sport fishing license .....	30
15	(5) nonresident seven-day sport fishing license .....	25
16	(6) nonresident three-day sport fishing license .....	15
17	(7) nonresident one-day sport fishing license .....	10
18	(8) nonresident annual sport fishing license .....	45
19	(9) special nonresident military small game and sport fishing license	9
20	(10) special nonresident military sport fishing license .....	9

21 \* **Sec. 20.** AS 16.05.346(a) is amended to read:

22 (a) If the Board of Game establishes an open season for musk oxen and has not  
 23 reduced or eliminated the \$600 [\$500] resident tag and fee under AS 16.05.340(a)(16),  
 24 the department shall conduct a drawing for permits to take the musk oxen. If the Board  
 25 of Game establishes an open season for musk oxen for which the Board of Game has  
 26 reduced or eliminated the resident tag and fee, the department shall issue permits to  
 27 take the musk oxen in the order in which applications are received by the department.  
 28 The department may not charge a resident a fee for an application for a musk oxen  
 29 permit for an open season in which the Board of Game has reduced or eliminated the  
 30 resident tag and fee under AS 16.05.340(a)(16). In all other cases, the application fee  
 31 for a musk oxen permit is \$10.

1 \* **Sec. 21.** AS 16.05.400(b) is amended to read:

2 (b) A sport fishing, hunting, or trapping license is not required of a resident  
3 who is 65 [60] years of age or more. The commissioner shall issue a permanent  
4 identification card without charge to persons who qualify by age and residence and  
5 who complete the forms required by the commissioner for implementation of this  
6 subsection. A person who is issued a permanent identification card under this  
7 subsection shall have it in possession while sport fishing, hunting, or trapping.

8 \* **Sec. 22.** AS 16.05.660 is amended to read:

9 **Sec. 16.05.660. License exemption.** A person may, by complying with the \$10  
10 [\$5] license requirement of AS 16.05.340(a)(6), take not more than 2,000 pounds each  
11 of tom cod, blue cod, smelt, pickerel, white fish, and spider crab a year from waters of  
12 the state.

13 \* **Sec. 23.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
14 read:

15 APPLICABILITY. Notwithstanding the change made to AS 16.05.340(a)(17)(A)(iii)  
16 by sec. 13 of this Act, the change made to AS 16.05.340(a)(23)(C) by sec. 17 of this Act, and  
17 the change made to AS 16.05.400(b) by sec. 21 of this Act, a resident who was eligible for a  
18 sport fishing, hunting, or trapping license exemption under AS 16.05.400(b), as that  
19 subsection read before the effective date of this Act, shall continue to be eligible for the  
20 exemption under AS 16.05.400(b), as that subsection read before the effective date of this  
21 Act.

22 \* **Sec. 24.** This Act takes effect January 1, 2016.