

**SENATE BILL NO. 18**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

**BY SENATOR SHOWER**

**Introduced: 1/16/18**

**Referred: State Affairs, Resources**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to the use of unmanned aircraft systems while hunting."**

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. 16.05.784. Prohibition on the use of unmanned aircraft systems while**  
5 **hunting.** (a) A person may not use an unmanned aircraft system to scout for, track, or  
6 otherwise aid in the hunting and taking of game.

7 (b) A person may not hunt a game bird, game animal, or fur-bearing animal  
8 within 48 hours after

9 (1) flying an unmanned aircraft system in the area in which the person  
10 is hunting; or

11 (2) communicating with another person who, within the same 48-hour  
12 period, has flown an unmanned aircraft system in the area in which the person is  
13 hunting.

14 (c) A person may not have any component of an unmanned aircraft system in  
15 the person's possession on a day in which the person is in the field hunting.

1           (d) A violation of this section is a class A misdemeanor, punishable as  
2 provided in AS 12.55. The court may order the forfeiture to the state of an unmanned  
3 aircraft system and related equipment used in, or in aid of a violation of (a) or (b) of  
4 this section, as provided under AS 16.05.195.

5           (e) In this section, "unmanned aircraft system" has the meaning given in  
6 AS 18.65.909.