

SENATE CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 120(FIN)
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

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Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES TOMASZEWSKI, Wright

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A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to hunting, trapping, and fishing licenses for certain nonresident**
2 **postsecondary students; and providing for an effective date."**

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

4 *** Section 1.** AS 16.05.340(k) is amended to read:

5 (k) In addition to the fees for a hunting license set out in (a), [AND] (d), **and**
6 **(l)** of this section, each person who purchases a hunting license shall pay an intensive
7 management surcharge as set out in this subsection for the purpose of providing
8 funding for the intensive management of the state's game populations under
9 AS 16.05.255(e). A person who is eligible for a \$5 resident hunting, trapping, and
10 sport fishing license under (a)(6) of this section or a free license under AS 16.05.341 is
11 exempt from payment of the surcharge imposed under this subsection. The amount of
12 the surcharge attached to each hunting license must be clearly disclosed on the license.
13 Except as otherwise provided by this subsection, the intensive management surcharge
14 for each

1 (1) resident hunting license available under this section is \$10; and

2 (2) nonresident hunting license available under this section is \$30.

3 * **Sec. 2.** AS 16.05.340 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

4 (l) A nonresident or nonresident alien who is enrolled as a half-time student or
5 full-time student at a postsecondary institution described in AS 14.43.830(a) may
6 obtain a special nonresident and nonresident alien postsecondary student sport fishing,
7 hunting, hunting and trapping, trapping, or hunting, trapping, and sport fishing license

8 (1) if under 60 years of age, by paying the fee provided in (a)(1) - (6)
9 of this section for a resident who has an annual family or household income above the
10 most recent poverty guidelines for the state set by the United States Department of
11 Health and Human Services; or

12 (2) if 60 years of age or over, by applying to the department without
13 charge for the license.

14 (m) In this section, "half-time student" and "full-time student" have the
15 meanings given in AS 14.43.160.

16 * **Sec. 3.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
17 read:

18 TRANSITION: REGULATIONS. The Department of Fish and Game may adopt
19 regulations necessary to implement the changes made by this Act. The regulations take effect
20 under AS 44.62 (Administrative Procedure Act), but not before the effective date of the law
21 implemented by the regulation.

22 * **Sec. 4.** Section 3 of this Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).

23 * **Sec. 5.** Except as provided in sec. 4 of this Act, this Act takes effect January 1, 2025.