

**HOUSE BILL NO. 272**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

Introduced: 1/18/24

Referred: Resources

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to big game hunts for persons with physical disabilities; and providing**  
2 **for an effective date."**

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

4 **\* Section 1.** AS 16.05.255 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

5 (l) The board may establish annual big game hunting seasons in appropriate  
6 areas of the state for persons with physical disabilities. A participant in a hunt  
7 established under this subsection must be accompanied by a hunter with a valid  
8 hunting license who is capable of retrieving game.

9 **\* Sec. 2.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
10 read:

11 TRANSITION: REGULATIONS. The Board of Game may proceed to adopt  
12 regulations necessary to implement the changes made by this Act. The regulations take effect  
13 under AS 44.62 (Administrative Procedure Act), but not before the effective date of this Act.

14 **\* Sec. 3.** Section 2 of this Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).

1     \* **Sec. 4.** Except as provided in sec. 3 of this Act, this Act takes effect January 1, 2025.