

HOUSE BILL NO. 266

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

Introduced: 1/23/26

Referred: Resources, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to the transfer of big game hunting permits; and providing for an
2 effective date."

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

4 * **Section 1.** AS 16.05.404(b) is amended to read:

5 (b) A recipient of a permit transferred [TO QUALIFY AS A
6 SUBSTITUTE] under this section [, AN INDIVIDUAL] must qualify under the
7 same conditions that applied to the person to whom the hunting permit was
8 originally awarded [BE A STATE RESIDENT].

9 * **Sec. 2.** AS 16.05.404(c) is amended to read:

10 (c) A [AN APPLICATION TO] transfer or reissue of a hunting permit under
11 (a) of this section may be made only before the end of the period during which the
12 hunting permit is valid. A transfer of a hunting permit under (f) of this section may
13 be made only before the first day of the open season for the hunt for which the
14 permit is issued.

1 * **Sec. 3.** AS 16.05.404(d) is amended to read:

2 (d) [A HUNTING PERMIT MAY ONLY BE TRANSFERRED OR
3 REISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION TO A SUBSTITUTE WHO IS QUALIFIED
4 UNDER THE CONDITIONS THAT APPLIED TO THE PERSON TO WHOM THE
5 HUNTING PERMIT WAS ORIGINALLY AWARDED.] A hunting permit may be
6 transferred or reissued under this section only for the specific hunt for which the
7 permit was originally awarded.

8 * **Sec. 4.** AS 16.05.404 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

9 (f) The original holder of a hunting permit for a hunt that was originally
10 awarded by drawing established by the Board of Game under AS 16.05.255(a) may
11 transfer the permit to another person, with or without monetary consideration, if the
12 permittee

13 (1) notifies the department of the transfer before the transfer is
14 effective; and

15 (2) includes in the notification to the department the name and hunting
16 license number of the recipient and any other identifying information required by the
17 department.

18 (g) A person may not hold more than one drawing permit for the same species
19 at one time, regardless of whether the permit was obtained by drawing or transfer.

20 (h) The commissioner may adopt regulations to implement this section and
21 may establish and provide for the collection of a fee for registering a transfer or
22 reissuance, not to exceed the estimated actual administrative costs of providing the
23 service.

24 (i) A person who receives a permit transferred under this section acquires only
25 the rights held by the original permittee and is subject to all conditions, regulations,
26 and limitations that applied to the original permit, including emergency orders closing
27 or restricting a hunt. The state is not liable for any loss, financial or otherwise,
28 incurred by a person who receives a transferred permit.

29 * **Sec. 5.** This Act takes effect January 1, 2027.