

HOUSE BILL NO. 348

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHRAGE

Introduced: 2/23/26

Referred: Community and Regional Affairs, Resources

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to feral cats."**

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

3 * **Section 1.** AS 03.55 is amended by adding new sections to read:

4 **Article 1A. Cats.**

5 **Sec. 03.55.080. Feral cats.** (a) Subject to the approval of the landowner, a
6 person may release a community cat on land from which the cat was originally taken.

7 (b) A person who releases a community cat under this section is exempt from
8 state and municipal requirements applicable to ownership and care of domestic
9 animals and the release of a community cat under (a) of this section does not constitute
10 abandonment.

11 **Sec. 03.55.095. Definitions.** In AS 03.55.080 - 03.55.095,

12 (1) "community cat" means a feral cat that has been vaccinated for
13 rabies, has had its left ear tip removed, and has been spayed or neutered;

14 (2) "feral cat" means an unowned domestic cat living in a wild state
15 that is unsocialized for domestic human environments;

1 (3) "landowner" includes state, municipal, and private landowners.

2 * **Sec. 2.** AS 16.05.930 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

3 (h) This chapter does not prohibit the release of a community cat as allowed
4 under AS 03.55.080.