

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE  
BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 457

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the official certificate  
7 of identification and presentation of  
8 affidavit and claim for certification of  
9 wolf bounties; designating certifying  
10 officers; amending Secs. 33-3-113, 33-3-115,  
11 and 33-3-116, ACLA 1949; and providing for  
12 an effective date."

13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

14 Section 1. Sec. 33-3-113, ACLA 1949 is amended to read as  
15 follows:

16 Sec. 33-3-113. Official certificate of identification.  
17 All claims for payment of bounties under this Act shall  
18 contain a certificate signed by an officer of the Alaska  
19 Department of Fish and Game or other person designated by  
20 the Commissioner of Fish and Game of Alaska [A WILDLIFE  
21 AGENT OF THE ALASKA GAME COMMISSION, OR OTHER OFFICER  
22 DESIGNATED BY THE ALASKA GAME COMMISSION OR AUTHORIZED  
23 BY THE ACT] to sign such certificates, certifying that  
24 such officer or person [WILDLIFE AGENT OR OFFICER] has  
25 personally examined the wolf or coyote pelt or pelts; has  
26 identified such pelt or pelts as wolf or coyote pelt or  
27 pelts; that he believes them to have been legally taken  
28 within the State of Alaska; [TERRITORY OF ALASKA] and  
29 that he has personally removed the ulna and radius bones

1 of the left forearm or left foreleg from such pelt or  
2 pelts and that he has punched holes in the left ear of  
3 such pelt or pelts, as required by this Act.

4 Sec. 2. Sec. 33-3-115, ACLA 1949 is amended to read as  
5 follows:

6 Sec. 33-3-115. Presentation of affidavit, claim and  
7 pelts for certificate of identification. It shall be the  
8 duty of any person claiming payment of bounty under this  
9 Act to present the affidavit and claim, properly executed,  
10 subscribed and sworn to, together with the pelts, with the  
11 ulna and radius bones of the left forearm or foreleg  
12 attached thereto in the natural state, of all animals on  
13 which bounty is claimed to an officer of the Alaska  
14 Department of Fish and Game or other person designated  
15 by the Commissioner of Fish and Game of Alaska, [A WILDLIFE  
16 AGENT OF THE ALASKA GAME COMMISSION, OR OTHER OFFICER  
17 DESIGNATED BY THE ALASKA GAME COMMISSION,] for identifica-  
18 tion and certification. Any person sending such claims  
19 and pelts by mail or otherwise to any officer for identi-  
20 fication or other purpose shall assume all risks of loss  
21 or damage of any kind whatsoever.

22 Sec. 3. Sec. 33-3-116, ACLA 1949 is amended to read as  
23 follows:

24 Sec. 33-3-116. Duties of identifying or certifying  
25 officer. Any officer of the Alaska Department of Fish and  
26 Game, or other person designated by the Commissioner of  
27 Fish and Game of Alaska, [WILDLIFE AGENT OF THE ALASKA  
28 GAME COMMISSION, OR OTHER OFFICER DESIGNATED BY THE ALASKA  
29 GAME COMMISSION OR AUTHORIZED BY THIS ACT] upon receipt of

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an affidavit and claim, properly prepared and executed, with the pelt or pelts of wolves and coyotes, with the ulna and radius bones of the left forearm or foreleg attached in the natural state, shall examine such pelt or pelts and if he believes them to be wolves or coyotes, legally taken within the State of Alaska, [TERRITORY OF ALASKA] he shall remove the leg bones from such pelts, punch holes of not less than one-half inch in diameter in the left ears of the pelts, complete the identification certificate on the affidavit and claim, and promptly forward such affidavit and claim to the Department of Fish and Game, [TREASURER OF ALASKA] at Juneau, Alaska. The leg bones shall be destroyed by such certifying officer and the pelt or pelts returned to the claimant or to such person as he shall designate.

Sec. 4. This Act takes effect on the day after its passage and approval or on the day it becomes law without such approval.