

1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE BILL NO. 305

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to trapping wild animals;
7 and providing for an effective date."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 16.05 is amended by adding new sections to
10 article 3 to read:

11 Sec. 16.05.434. AREA REGISTRATION FOR TRAPPING. The
12 legislature finds that area registration for trapping in
13 areas of the state would promote conservation of the animal
14 resources. The board shall adopt regulations providing for
15 area registration.

16 Sec. 16.05.435. CONTENTS OF REGULATIONS. (a) The
17 board shall include in the regulations adopted under sec.
18 434 of this chapter

19 (1) a description of the areas in which registra-
20 tion is necessary,

21 (2) the animals that may be trapped in a regis-
22 tration area,

23 (3) the terms and conditions of a registration
24 permit,

25 (4) the procedures used in issuing and revoking
26 registration permits.

27 (b) The board, by regulation, may require a person
28 holding a registration permit to report the kinds and numbers
29 of animals caught in his traps.

1 Sec. 16.05.436. TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF PERMITS. In
2 addition to the terms and conditions of a registration permit
3 provided by board regulations, the following terms and con-
4 ditions apply to all registration permits.

5 (1) No more than one person may be issued a regis-
6 tration permit for one trap line. A trap line is an area of
7 land on which traps are placed that is not more than two
8 miles wide or 50 miles long.

9 (2) A person holding a registration permit may
10 authorize others to assist him in trapping on the trap line
11 covered by his registration permit. Unless a person is
12 authorized by the holder of a registration permit, he may not
13 trap on a trap line covered by the permit.

14 (3) A registration permit is valid so long as the
15 holder traps regularly under it.

16 (4) A registration permit is a legal interest that
17 passes under the laws of descent and distribution. A trapping
18 permit may not, however, be sold or given away.

19 (5) If more than one person applies for a regis-
20 tration permit for the same trap line, the department shall
21 issue the permit to the person who applies first, or, if the
22 applications are received at the same time, to the person hav-
23 ing an established trap line on the land on the effective date
24 of secs. 434 - 437 of this chapter. If more than one person
25 has an established trap line on the land on the effective date
26 of secs. 434 - 437 of this chapter, the department shall
27 issue the permit to the person whose place of abode is nearest
28 the trap line.

29 (6) The annual fee for a registration permit is

1 \$2. A person holding a registration permit is not required
2 to have a trapping license.

3 Sec. 16.05.437. MULTIPLE USE. Secs. 434 - 436 of this
4 chapter do not prohibit any use of land not inconsistent with
5 a registration permit.

6 * Sec. 2. This Act takes effect on the day after its passage
7 and approval or on the day it becomes law without such approval.

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