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Referred: Resources

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 443

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act requiring nonresident bear hunters  
7 to be accompanied by licensed guides."

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

9 \* Section 1. (a) On the basis of information submitted to the  
10 Legislature by the Alaska Board of Fish and Game, the Legislature  
11 finds that

12 (1) nonresident hunters, because of their unfamiliarity  
13 with hunting conditions and the species of bear in the state,  
14 have killed or injured large numbers of immature bear and have  
15 killed mother bears with cubs in violation of the regulations of  
16 the board;

17 (2) these hunting practices of nonresident hunters  
18 are adversely affecting the game management programs established  
19 for those types of bear hunted as trophy animals;

20 (3) nonresidents are usually reluctant to follow bears  
21 which they injure into the brush and bears in this condition pose  
22 a great danger to the public; and

23 (4) many nonresident hunters who come to the state to  
24 hunt bear are injured or lost as a result of their unfamiliarity  
25 with the Alaska terrain.

26 (b) Since existing penalties to protect our bear population  
27 from indiscriminate or illegal hunting can only be enforced after  
28 damage has been done, the Legislature determines that the proper  
29 management of the state's valuable bear resource, as well as the

1 safety of the general public, demand that it be required that  
2 nonresident hunters be accompanied by licensed professional guides  
3 while hunting or taking any species of bear in this state.

4 \* Sec. 2. AS 16.05 is amended by adding a new section to read:

5       Sec. 16.05.405. NONRESIDENTS HUNTING BEAR MUST BE  
6 ACCOMPANIED BY GUIDES. (a) It is unlawful for a nonresident  
7 to hunt or take any species of bear in this state unless  
8 personally accompanied by a person who is licensed as a  
9 master guide, guide or assistant guide by the department.

10       (b) The requirement in (a) of this section shall be  
11 construed to mean that each nonresident in a hunting party  
12 containing one or more nonresidents must be accompanied by  
13 a licensed master guide, guide or assistant guide working  
14 under the direct supervision of a master guide or guide.

15       (c) A nonresident who violates (a) of this section is  
16 guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction is punishable  
17 by imprisonment for not more than one year, or by a fine of  
18 not more than \$2,500, or by both.