

1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE BILL NO. 142

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST 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 read:

11 ARTICLE 5. TRAPPING

12 Sec. 16.05.750. AREA REGISTRATION FOR TRAPPING. The  
13 board shall adopt regulations providing for area registration  
14 for trapping in the central and northwestern senatorial  
15 districts of the state after consultation with the village  
16 councils in the registration areas.

17 Sec. 16.05.753. CONTENTS OF REGULATIONS. (a) The  
18 board shall include in the regulations adopted under sec.  
19 750 of this chapter

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

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

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

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

28 (b) The board, by regulation, may require a person  
29 holding a registration permit to report the kind and number

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1 of animals caught in his traps and the number of beaver  
2 colonies on his trapline.

3 (c) In addition to normal distribution, the department  
4 shall furnish copies of regulations adopted under this section,  
5 forms, and maps showing registration areas, to magistrates  
6 and deputy magistrates in registration areas. The magis-  
7 trates and deputy magistrates shall make copies of the  
8 regulations and other pertinent material available to the  
9 public.

10 Sec. 16.05.756. PERMIT RESTRICTIONS. In addition to  
11 the terms and conditions of a registration permit provided by  
12 board regulations

13 (1) a registration permit for a given trapline  
14 shall not be issued to more than one person;

15 (2) the maximum size of a registered trapline  
16 shall not exceed that area which the department determines is  
17 the maximum area a person can properly manage, allowing for  
18 reasonable rotation of trapping effort;

19 (3) registered traplines shall be bounded by the  
20 divides of watersheds and other natural or obvious landmarks  
21 whenever possible;

22 (4) a person shall not be issued registration  
23 permits for more than one trapline of a given type;

24 (5) a person may apply for, and the department  
25 may issue registration permits for, more than one trapline  
26 if the traplines are of different types and are to be located  
27 in discontinuous areas;

28 (6) upon application by a village council, the  
29 department may authorize a group of traplines to be merged

1 and assigned to the village as a whole for regulation by the  
2 village council.

3 Sec. 16.05.759. PREFERENCE OF APPLICATIONS. (a) appli-  
4 cants operating traplines in areas where registration permits  
5 have not previously been required shall be given preference  
6 over other applicants in receiving a registration permit for  
7 trapping in the area of their present trapline.

8 (b) If more than one applicant has an established  
9 trapline on the land for which a registration permit is now  
10 required, the applicant with the longest history of use shall  
11 be given preference, or if their history of use is approxi-  
12 mately the same, preference shall be given to the one whose  
13 residence is nearest the trapline.

14 (c) An application for renewal shall be given prefer-  
15 ence over another application requesting a registration  
16 permit for the same trapline.

17 Sec. 16.05.762. ASSISTANCE. A person holding a  
18 registration permit may authorize others to assist him in  
19 trapping on the trapline covered by his registration permit.

20 Sec. 16.05.765. TRANSFER, DEVISE AND DESCENT OF PERMIT  
21 RIGHT. (a) Until the date of its expiration, a registration  
22 permit is a legal interest that passes under the laws of  
23 descent and distribution.

24 (b) A registered trapline may be sold or leased only  
25 with the approval of the department.

26 (c) The trapping right on a registered trapline  
27 established on public land of the state shall continue with  
28 the holder of the registration permit for a period of two  
29 trapping seasons after the land has been transferred by the

1 state to a private party if the permit is renewed by its  
2 holder as required by sec. 771 of this chapter.

3 Sec. 16.05.768. ANNUAL FEE. (a) The annual fee for a  
4 registration permit is \$10.00.

5 (b) A person holding a registration permit is not  
6 required to have a trapping license to harvest furbearing  
7 mammals on the area covered by the permit.

8 Sec. 16.05.771. RENEWAL. Unless renewed within the  
9 time specified by the department, a registration permit shall  
10 expire one year after its issuance.

11 Sec. 16.05.774. CANCELLATION. The board may revoke  
12 the registration permit of a person who fails to comply with  
13 a law or regulation which is designed to prevent over-  
14 trapping.

15 Sec. 16.05.777. UNLAWFUL ACT. It shall be unlawful  
16 for a person to trap on a registered trapline without per-  
17 mission of the registration permit holder.

18 Sec. 16.05.780. MULTIPLE USE. Secs. 750 - 780 of this  
19 chapter do not prohibit any use of land which is consistent  
20 with a registration permit.

21 \* Sec. 2. AS 16.05.940 is amended by adding a new subsection  
22 to read:

23 (23) "registered trapline" means an area for  
24 which a registration permit has been issued for the purpose  
25 of regulating the harvest of furbearing mammals;

26 \* Sec. 3. This Act takes effect on the day after its passage  
27 and approval or on the day it becomes law without such approval.  
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