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1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE BILL NO. 51

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act requiring nonresident hunters to be accom-
7 panied by licensed guides."

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

9 * Section 1. PURPOSE. (a) On the basis of information submitted to
10 the Legislature, the Legislature finds that:

11 (1) nonresident hunters, because of their unfamiliarity with
12 hunting conditions and the species of game animals in the state, have killed
13 or injured large numbers of immature and illegal game animals in violation
14 of the regulations and statutes of the state;

15 (2) these hunting practices of nonresident hunters are adversely
16 affecting the game management programs established for game animals;

17 (3) nonresidents are usually reluctant to follow game animals
18 which they injure into the brush, which is wasteful of this resource, and
19 wounded animals pose a great danger to the public; and

20 (4) many nonresident hunters who come to the state to hunt are
21 injured or lost as a result of their unfamiliarity with the Alaska terrain
22 and search and rescue is a great expense to the state and its citizens.

23 (b) Since existing penalties to protect our game animal population
24 from indiscriminate or illegal hunting can only be enforced after damage
25 has been done, the Legislature determines that the proper management of the
26 state's valuable game animal resource, as well as the safety of the general
27 public, demand that it be required that nonresident hunters be accompanied
28 by licensed professional guides while hunting, taking or pursuing all game
29 animals in this state.

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

2 Sec. 16.05.405. NONRESIDENT HUNTING GAME ANIMALS MUST BE
3 ACCOMPANIED BY GUIDES. (a) It is unlawful for a nonresident to hunt,
4 pursue, take or import brown bear, grizzly bear, polar bear, sheep or
5 walrus in or into this state, unless personally accompanied by a person
6 who is licensed as a master guide, registered guide or assistant guide
7 by the department.

8 (b) The nonresident who violates (a) of this section is guilty
9 of a misdemeanor and upon conviction is punishable by imprisonment for
10 not more than one year, or by a fine of not more than \$2,500, or by
11 both.

12 (c) A resident who aids or abets a nonresident to violate (a) of
13 this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction is
14 punishable by imprisonment for not more than one year, or by a fine
15 of not more than \$2,500, or by both.
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