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1 IN THE SENATE

2 SENATE BILL NO. 71

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the taking of polar bear."

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

8 \* Section 1. INTENT. It is the intent of this Act to prohibit the  
9 taking of polar bear for trophy purposes in an effort to assure the survival  
10 of this animal as a species.

11 \* Sec. 2. AS 16.05.340(a)(16) is amended to read:

12 (16) Nonresident big game tags:

13	Brown or grizzly bear, each . . . . .	75
14	[POLAR BEAR, EACH. . . . .	150]
15	Black bear or deer, each. . . . .	10
16	Bison, moose, or sheep, each. . . . .	50
17	Walrus, each. . . . .	100
18	Elk, goats, or caribou, each. . . . .	25

19 \* Sec. 3. AS 16.05.407 is amended to read:

20 Sec. 16.05.407. NONRESIDENT HUNTING GAME ANIMALS MUST BE AC-  
21 COMPANIED BY GUIDES. (a) It is unlawful for a nonresident to hunt,  
22 pursue or take brown bear, grizzly bear [,POLAR BEAR] or sheep in this  
23 state, unless personally accompanied by a person who is licensed as a  
24 master guide, registered guide or assistant guide by the department,  
25 or who is personally accompanied by a resident Alaskan over 19 years  
26 of age who is the spouse of or is related by blood within and including  
27 the second degree of kindred. A person who applies for a nonresident  
28 big game tag for the taking of an animal specified in this section shall  
29 first furnish to the state, on a form provided by the state, an affidavit

1 showing that he will be accompanied in his hunt by a person who is  
2 qualified under the terms of this section. A person who falsifies  
3 the required affidavit is guilty of perjury.

4 [(B) IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR A NONRESIDENT TO IMPORT POLAR BEAR INTO  
5 THIS STATE UNLESS PERSONALLY ACCOMPANIED BY A PERSON WHO IS LICENSED  
6 AS A MASTER GUIDE, REGISTERED GUIDE OR ASSISTANT GUIDE BY THE DEPART-  
7 MENT.]

8 (c) 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 \* Sec. 4. AS 16.05 is amended by adding a new section to read:

13 Sec. 16.05.409. TAKING OF POLAR BEAR UNLAWFUL. (a) Except for  
14 persons designated in (b) of this section, it is unlawful for a person  
15 to (1) take polar bear in the state; or (2) transport polar bear or  
16 parts of a polar bear into the state.

17 (b) A person who holds a 25 cent license issued under AS 16.05.-  
18 340(a) may take polar bear, except cubs and females accompanied by  
19 cubs, at any time for food, provided the polar bear is not taken,  
20 transported, or imported by means of or with the use of an aircraft.

21 (c) No person may purchase, sell or attempt to purchase or  
22 sell polar bear or parts of polar bear in the state.

23 \* Sec. 5. AS 16.05.430(a) is amended to read:

24 (a) A person who violates secs. 330, 409 or 420 of this chapter  
25 is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction is punishable by a  
26 fine of not more than \$1,000, or by imprisonment for not more than six  
27 months, or by both.