

1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST

2 SENATE BILL NO. 384

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to closed hunting areas adjacent to
7 highways."

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

9 * Section 1. PURPOSE. The purpose of this Act is to protect the public
10 health and welfare by closing a uniform area adjacent to well-traveled
11 public highways to hunting, thereby curtailing the discharge of firearms
12 near vehicular traffic and major population areas.

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

14 Sec. 16.05.785. AREAS ADJACENT TO HIGHWAYS CLOSED TO HUNTING.

15 In addition to other areas closed by law or regulation, a strip one-
16 quarter mile wide on each side of the Seward, Sterling, Glenn, Richard-
17 son, Denali, and the main highway paralleling the Alaska Railroad from
18 Anchorage to Fairbanks, is closed to the taking of big game.

19 * Sec. 3. AS 16.05.900(a) is amended to read:

20 (a) A person who violates secs. 785, 830, 870 - 895, or 920 of
21 this chapter or any rule or regulation promulgated under this chapter
22 is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, is punishable by a
23 fine of not more than \$1,000 or by imprisonment for not more than six
24 months, or by both. A person who violates a rule or regulation promul-
25 gated under this chapter for the regulation of commercial fisheries
26 shall be punished as provided in sec. 720 of this chapter.
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