

1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST

2 SENATE BILL NO. 402

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 the protection of fish and game."

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

8 * Section 1. AS 44.41 is amended by adding new sections to read:

9 Sec. 44.41.030. CREATION OF DIVISION OF FISH AND GAME PROTECTION.

10 There is created within the department a separate division of fish and
11 game protection.

12 Sec. 44.41.040 DUTIES OF DIVISION OF FISH AND GAME PROTECTION.

13 Protection officers within the division of fish and game protection
14 shall enforce all pertinent statutes, regulations and orders. In
15 discharging this responsibility, protection officers may pursue and ap-
16 prehend offenders, obtain legal evidence, institute criminal proceedings,
17 execute warrants of arrest or search and seizure, or other criminal
18 process issuing from any court of the state, or any other function
19 determined by the commissioner to be necessary to the enforcement of
20 the fish and game laws of the state. Each protection officer has the
21 power of a peace officer of the state or municipality and those
22 powers usually and customarily exercised by peace officers.

23 Sec. 44.41.050. UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT. The state shall provide
24 protection officers of the division of fish and game protection with
25 special uniforms, appropriately descriptive of their functions, and
26 vehicles, supplies and equipment necessary to carry out the purposes
27 of this chapter. This property remains the property of the state. The
28 commissioner may direct a protection officer to serve without wearing
29 a uniform.