

Original sponsor: Resources Committee

Offered: 3/22/72  
Referred: Rules

1 IN THE SENATE BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE  
2 CS FOR SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 5  
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION  
5 Relating to regulations of the  
6 Guide Licensing and Control Board.

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:

8 WHEREAS guiding, unlike other commercial enterprises, utilizes game  
9 resources which by constitutional mandate belong to all citizens of the  
10 state; and

11 WHEREAS a guide program should primarily serve the public interest as  
12 a conservation measure and only secondarily provide service to nonresident  
13 hunters; and

14 WHEREAS current regulations requiring guide accompaniment only while  
15 hunting two especially prized and vulnerable trophy species, bear (grizzly  
16 and polar) and sheep, support this philosophy; and

17 WHEREAS the activities of a few unscrupulous licensed guides have  
18 reflected adversely upon the entire industry; and

19 WHEREAS guide license issuance, denial, and revocation is too often  
20 influenced by undue concern for the applicant's means of livelihood rather  
21 than concern for the public interest and it must be realized that guide  
22 licenses are a privilege to do business rather than a right; and

23 WHEREAS the Guide Licensing and Control Board should have and exercise  
24 powers sufficiently broad to summarily discipline an individual who in its  
25 considered opinion abuses the privilege of guiding in such manner as to have  
26 an adverse impact upon the resource itself or the state;

27 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate that the Guide Licensing and Control Board  
28 is requested to promulgate regulations instituting stricter controls on  
29 guiding activities that are resulting in an adverse impact to the resources

1 involved, and summary disciplinary procedures within the limits of its  
2 statutory authority and due process of law, including but not limited to,  
3 (1) revocation of a guide license after conviction for three or more viola-  
4 tions of state or federal fish and game laws; and (2) a procedure for manda-  
5 tory hearings when, in the discretion of the board, credible complaints of  
6 a serious enough nature are received from clients as to guides with whom  
7 they have contracted who are licensed in the state.

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