

1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE BILL NO. 17

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the issuance of permits for the
7 construction of trapping cabins."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 38.95 is amended by adding a new section to read:

10 Sec. 38.95.080. TRAPPING CABIN CONSTRUCTION PERMITS. (a) The
11 director of the division of lands, in his discretion, may issue a non-
12 transferable permit for the construction of a trapping cabin on state
13 land to a person who meets the following qualifications:

14 (1) the person must have an established trapline with proof
15 of regular use over a period of at least two years;

16 (2) the person must have a trapline of sufficient length, as
17 determined by the director, to justify the need for cabin construction.

18 (b) The director, with the advice of the commissioner of fish and
19 game, shall establish, by regulation, conditions attaching to the permit
20 issued under (a) of this section. These conditions shall include, but
21 not be limited to the following:

22 (1) permits shall be issued for a period of not more than five
23 years, with succeeding five-year renewal options, if continued use and
24 occupancy is established;

25 (2) a cabin shall be constructed and maintained according to
26 specifications established by the director; however, in no case may the
27 size of the cabin exceed 12 feet by 12 feet;

28 (3) a permit shall specify the number of cabins allowed to be
29 constructed and indicate their specific geographical location; the

1 director, in his discretion, may establish a maximum number of cabins per
2 person or otherwise limit their number because of the probability of
3 adverse environmental consequences;

4 (4) a cabin shall be utilized and occupied only during the
5 lawful trapping season, as established by regulations of the Department
6 of Fish and Game;

7 (5) a cabin may be occupied only by the licensed trapper
8 specified on the permit;

9 (6) adequate provision must be made at each cabin for waste
10 and garbage disposal, as determined by the director;

11 (7) no cabin may be constructed in an area where, in the
12 determination of the director in consultation with the commissioner of
13 environmental conservation, adverse environmental consequences are likely
14 to occur;

15 (8) the payment of a reasonable permit fee, established by
16 the director, to cover trapping permit administration costs.

17 (c) A permit issued under (a) of this section entitles its holder
18 to use timber in the immediate vicinity of the cabin for personal non-
19 commercial purposes only. No ownership rights to the land are conveyed
20 by the issuance of a trapping permit under this section.

21 (d) A person who makes a false statement as to any material fact
22 relating to a permit issued under this section is guilty of a misdemeanor.
23 A person who violates this subsection or any of the terms and conditions
24 of a permit issued under this section may have his permit immediately
25 revoked and is subject to payment of all costs required in dismantling
26 his cabin structure.
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