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1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE BILL NO. 718

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act providing for the transplanting of wolves to  
7 other states."

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

9 \* Section 1. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS. (a) The legislature finds that the  
10 wolf (Canis lupus) is a unique wilderness animal whose existence has been  
11 eradicated through mismanagement in most of the United States, but whose  
12 numbers have remained abundant in Alaska.

13 (b) The legislature further recognizes the objections to predator con-  
14 trol from those outside Alaska, and the increasing concern for the continued  
15 well-being and perpetuation of this animal.

16 (c) In view of the findings of (a) and (b) of this section, it is con-  
17 sidered necessary by the legislature to provide for the transplanting of  
18 wolves to those states which are not presently being benefited by a substan-  
19 tial wolf population. The goal of this program is to give all persons a  
20 first-hand opportunity to enjoy this interesting and valuable natural  
21 resource.

22 \* Sec. 2. AS 16.35 is amended by adding a new section to read:

23 Sec. 16.35.210. TRANSPLANTING OF WOLVES TO OTHER STATES. (a) Be-  
24 for instituting a predator control program for wolves in any game manage-  
25 ment unit or subunit, the department shall notify the game department or  
26 appropriate agency of each state in order to determine if the transplant-  
27 ing of wolves to that state is desired. If a state desiring a trans-  
28 plant agrees to reimburse the department for all costs associated with  
29 the transplant, the department shall transplant the number of wolves

1 which that state requests.

2 (b) No wolves may be destroyed under a predator control program  
3 in this state until all requests for transplants have been fulfilled  
4 under (a) of this section.

5 (c) The department shall establish procedures necessary to imple-  
6 ment this section.