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1 IN THE SENATE

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2 *SS* SENATE BILL NO. 343 *am H*

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 wildlife photography."

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

8 * Section 1. PURPOSE. It is the purpose of this Act to recognize the
9 inestimable value of the living wildlife resources of the state and to broaden
10 the appreciation of these resources during all seasons of the year and
11 encourage other necessary public uses of wildlife in addition to their
12 legitimate harvest.

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

14 Sec. 16.05.903. BIG GAME PHOTO TAGS. (a) In addition to any
15 existing programs, the department shall establish a yearly big game
16 photography contest. A tag fee of \$10 is established for each animal
17 classified under board regulation as a big game animal.

18 (b) No person is eligible to enter the contest established under
19 this section unless he possesses a current photo tag for the species of
20 animal submitted.

21 (c) The department shall establish cash prizes of \$1,000 for each
22 species of big game animal, with both black and white and color cate-
23 gories. A grand cash prize of \$10,000 is established for the single
24 best entry of each year.

25 (d) The commissioner shall designate a different judging panel
26 each year to judge all entries made under this section. The panel is
27 composed of five members, consisting of two professional photographers,
28 two licensed guides, and one member from the general public.

29 (e) The big game photo contest shall be advertised in newspapers

1 of general circulation within the state and in the various national
2 conservation and wildlife magazines. All winning photographs are the
3 property of the state and shall appear in a special yearly wildlife
4 photography publication published by the Department of Fish and Game.

5 (f) No person may submit an entry under this section if he has
6 harvested that species of animal during the same calendar year.
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