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2 SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR 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  
10 broaden the appreciation of these resources during all seasons of the year  
11 and 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. WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST. (a) In addition to  
15 any existing programs, the department shall establish a yearly big game  
16 and fish photography contest. An entry fee of \$10 is established for the  
17 privilege of entering the contest established by this section. Each  
18 entrant may submit as many entries as desired after paying the \$10  
19 entry fee. No person is eligible to enter the contest established under  
20 this section unless he has paid the entry fee.

21 (b) The department shall establish cash prizes of \$1,000 for  
22 various catagories of wildlife, with both black and white and color  
23 categories. A grand cash prize of \$10,000 is established for the single  
24 best entry of each year. The grand prize winner is not eligible for a  
25 general category prize of \$1,000 for the same photograph.

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

1 members are authorized per diem for each day of judging and travel  
2 expenses allowable by law for members of boards and commissions.

3 (d) The wildlife photo contest shall be advertised in newspapers  
4 of general circulation within the state. All winning photographs shall  
5 appear in a special yearly wildlife photography publication published  
6 and sold by the Department of Fish and Game. Receipts from the sale of  
7 this publication shall be utilized to promote and administer the wild-  
8 life photography contest.

9 (e) The single best entry of the year is the permanent property of  
10 the state. Other winning entries are the property of the state for a  
11 period of three years only. Each winning entrant shall provide the  
12 department with the original transparency or negative of the winning  
13 entry upon receipt of the prize for that entry.

14 (f) No person may submit an entry under this section if he has  
15 harvested that species of animal during the same calendar year. A  
16 person who wins a cash prize specified in (b) of this section shall make  
17 a signed, sworn statement that he has not harvested that species of  
18 animal during the same calendar year and that his entry was taken in  
19 Alaska during the calendar year in which his entry is made.

20 (g) The commissioner may propose regulations for adoption by the  
21 board under the Administrative Procedure Act (AS 44.62) to implement the  
22 provisions of this section. These regulations shall provide that photos  
23 taken by state employees on duty or travel status are not eligible for  
24 consideration under this Act.

25 (h) This contest is limited to those persons who have established  
26 a permanent place of abode in Alaska.  
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