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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 47 (Judiciary)

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the prohibition against waste of  
7 the meat of big game animals and wild fowl."

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

9 \* Section 1. AS 16.30.010 is repealed and reenacted to read:

10 Sec. 16.30.010. WANTON WASTE OF BIG GAME ANIMALS AND WILD FOWL.

11 (a) It is a class A misdemeanor for a person who kills a big game  
12 animal or a species of wild fowl to fail, intentionally, knowingly,  
13 recklessly, or with criminal negligence, to salvage for human consump-  
14 tion the edible meat of the animal or fowl.

15 (b) A person convicted of violating this section who has failed to  
16 salvage from a big game animal at least the hindquarters as far as the  
17 distal joint of the tibia-fibula (stifle joint) shall be sentenced to

18 (1) a definite term of imprisonment of not less than 160  
19 consecutive hours; and

20 (2) a fine of not less than \$2,500.

21 (c) A sentence imposed under (b) of this section may not be sus-  
22 pended, nor may imposition of the sentence be suspended.

23 \* Sec. 2. AS 16.30 is amended by adding new sections to read:

24 Sec. 16.30.015. SURRENDER OF SALVAGED PORTIONS, LICENSE FORFEITURE.

25 A person convicted of violating AS 16.30.010

26 (1) shall surrender to the department all salvaged portions  
27 of the animal or fowl;

28 (2) forfeits his hunting license;

29 (3) is ineligible to hold a hunting license for

1 (A) the year in which the conviction is entered and the  
2 year following the year in which the conviction is entered;

3 (B) a period of five years from the date of the conviction  
4 if he has failed to salvage from a big game animal at least  
5 the hindquarters as far as the distal joint of the tibia-fibula  
6 (stifle joint).

7 Sec. 16.30.017. DEFENSES. It is a defense to a criminal charge  
8 under AS 16.30.010 that the failure to salvage the edible meat was due  
9 to circumstances beyond the control of the person charged, including

- 10 (1) theft of the animal or fowl;  
11 (2) unanticipated weather conditions or other acts of God;  
12 (3) unavoidable loss in the field to another wild animal.

13 \* Sec. 3. AS 16.30.030 is amended by adding new paragraphs to read:

14 (3) "big game animal" means moose, caribou, mountain sheep,  
15 mountain goat, feral reindeer, deer, elk, bison, walrus, or musk-ox;

16 (4) "criminal negligence" means criminal negligence as  
17 defined in AS 11.81.900(a)(4);

18 (5) "edible meat" means, in the case of big game animals, the  
19 meat of the ribs, neck, brisket, front quarters as far as the juncture  
20 of the humerus and the radius-ulna (knee), hindquarters as far as the  
21 distal joint of the tibia-fibula (stifle joint), and that portion of the  
22 animal between the front and hindquarters; in the case of wild fowl, the  
23 meat of the breast; however, "edible meat" of big game or wild fowl does  
24 not include

25 (A) meat of the head;

26 (B) meat that has been damaged and made inedible by the  
27 method of taking;

28 (C) bones, sinew, and incidental meat reasonably lost as  
29 a result of boning or a close trimming of the bones;

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(D) viscera;

(6) "intentionally" means intentionally as defined in AS 11.81.900(a)(1);

(7) "knowingly" means knowingly as defined in AS 11.81.900(a)(2);

(8) "recklessly" means recklessly as defined in AS 11.81.900(a)(3);

(9) "wild fowl" means species of wild fowl for which seasons or bag limits have been established by state or federal law.

\* Sec. 4. AS 16.30.020 is repealed.