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1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE BILL NO. 815

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 nongame wildlife and nonconsumptive
7 use of wildlife."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 16.05.050(8) is amended to read:

10 (8) provide public facilities where necessary or proper to
11 facilitate the taking of fish or game or the nonconsumptive use of game
12 and enter into cooperative agreements with any person to effect them;

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

14 Sec. 16.05.135. NONGAME WILDLIFE FUND. (a) The nongame wildlife
15 fund is established in the general fund to account for contributions re-
16 ceived under the optional nongame wildlife dividend donation program es-
17 tablished by AS 43.23.035; from contributions received under the wild-
18 life watcher certificate program established by AS 16.05.904; and from
19 contributions received from any other sources, under conditions re-
20 quiring use of the money for the protection, propagation, investigation,
21 and restoration of nongame wildlife; for the provision of public enjoy-
22 ment and nonconsumptive use of game; and for the expenses of administer-
23 ing a nongame wildlife program by the game division of the department.

24 (b) The legislature may appropriate the contributions accounted
25 for in the nongame wildlife fund for the purposes on which the contribu-
26 tions were conditioned.

27 * Sec. 3. AS 16.05.255(3) is amended to read:

28 (3) establishment of the means and methods employed in the
29 pursuit, capture, [AND] transport, and nonconsumptive use of game;

1 * Sec. 4. AS 16.05 is amended by adding a new section to article 6 to
2 read:

3 Sec. 16.05.904. WILDLIFE WATCHER CERTIFICATE. The department
4 shall provide a wildlife watcher certificate to anyone who donates at
5 least \$5 to the department upon the condition that the money be used for
6 the protection, propagation, investigation, and restoration of nongame
7 wildlife; for the provision of public enjoyment and nonconsumptive use
8 of game; and for the expenses of administering a nongame wildlife pro-
9 gram by the game division of the department.

10 * Sec. 5. AS 16.05.940(9) is amended to read:

11 (9) "game" means any species of bird, [AND] mammal, and rep-
12 tile, including a feral domestic animal, found or introduced in the
13 state, except domestic birds, [AND] mammals, or reptiles; and game may
14 be classified by regulation as big game, small game, fur bearers, non-
15 game wildlife, or other categories considered essential for carrying out
16 the intention and purposes of AS 16.05.010 -- 16.05.950;

17 * Sec. 6. AS 16.05.940 is amended by adding new paragraphs to read:

18 (29) "nonconsumptive use" means any use of game for human en-
19 joyment, education, art, or science, including photography, viewing,
20 teaching, research, and tourism specifically for wildlife viewing; "non-
21 consumptive use" does not include harvest of game for sport, subsis-
22 tence, or commercial purposes;

23 (30) "nongame wildlife" means all species of game which are
24 used for nonconsumptive purposes.

25 * Sec. 7. AS 43.23 is amended by adding a new section to read:

26 Sec. 43.23.035. OPTIONAL NONGAME WILDLIFE DIVIDEND DONATIONS. An
27 application form for claiming a permanent fund dividend must include a
28 provision which offers the applicant the option of donating a specific
29 amount up to 50 percent of his or her dividend to the Department of Fish

1 and Game on the condition that the money be used for the protection,
2 propagation, investigation, and restoration of nongame wildlife; for the
3 provision of public enjoyment and nonconsumptive use of game; and for
4 the expenses of administering a nongame wildlife program by the Depart-
5 ment of Fish and Game.
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