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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

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HOUSE BILL NO. 546

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to harassment of persons lawfully
7 engaged in hunting, fishing, or trapping."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 16.05 is amended by adding new sections to read:

10 Sec. 16.05.925. HARASSMENT OF PERSON LAWFULLY ENGAGED IN HUNT-
11 ING, FISHING, OR TRAPPING. (a) A person may not knowingly interfere
12 with a person lawfully engaged in or attempting to lawfully engage in
13 sport hunting, subsistence hunting, commercial hunting, sport fishing,
14 subsistence fishing, or trapping with the intent of hindering or
15 preventing the person's activity.

16 (b) A person may not knowingly disturb fish or game or the
17 habitat of fish or game with the intent of hindering or preventing a
18 person lawfully engaged in or attempting to lawfully engage in sport
19 hunting, subsistence hunting, commercial hunting, sport fishing,
20 subsistence fishing, or trapping.

21 (c) A person who violates this section is guilty of a mis-
22 demeanor punishable by a fine of not more than \$500 or by imprisonment
23 for not more than 30 days, or by both.

24 Sec. 16.05.926. CIVIL REMEDIES. (a) A person aggrieved by
25 conduct in violation of AS 16.05.925 or threatened with such conduct
26 may petition a superior court to enjoin the respondent from engaging
27 in such conduct.

28 (b) A person aggrieved by a violation of AS 16.05.925 is en-
29 titled to recover general damages and special damages, including

1 license and permit fees, travel costs, guide fees, special equipment
2 and supplies, and other related expenses.

3 (c) A court may award punitive damages in addition to the dam-
4 ages set out in (b) of this section.