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1 IN THE SENATE

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CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 278 (Resources) am

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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 establishing a waterfowl stamp and fee; and  
7 providing for an effective date."

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

9 \* Section 1. AS 16.05.110 is amended to read:

10 Sec. 16.05.110. COMPOSITION OF FUND. The fish and game fund  
11 shall be made up of the following money and other money the legisla-  
12 ture appropriates, that [WHICH] shall be deposited and retained in the  
13 fund until expended:

14 (1) money received from the sale of state sport fishing,  
15 hunting, and trapping licenses, [AND] special permits, and waterfowl  
16 stamps and limited edition prints purchased by hunters;

17 (2) proceeds received from the sale of furs, skins, and  
18 specimens taken by predator hunters and other employees;

19 (3) money received in settlement of a claim or loss caused  
20 by damage to the fish and game resources of the state;

21 (4) money received from federal, state, or other govern-  
22 mental unit, or from a private donor for fish and game purposes;

23 (5) interest earned upon money in the fund;

24 (6) money from any other source.

25 \* Sec. 2. AS 16.05.130 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

26 (b) Money accruing to the state from waterfowl stamp fees and  
27 sales of limited edition prints from hunters may not be diverted to a  
28 purpose other than (1) the conservation and enhancement of waterfowl;  
29 (2) the acquisition, by lease or otherwise of wetlands that are

1 important for waterfowl and public use of waterfowl in the state; (3)  
2 waterfowl related projects approved by the commissioner; and (4) the  
3 administration of the stamp and print program. The department shall  
4 maintain a state waterfowl stamp and print account within the fish and  
5 game fund to permit separate accounting records for the receipt and  
6 expenditure of money derived from the sale of waterfowl stamps and  
7 prints. The department shall report annually to the public on the use  
8 of money derived from waterfowl stamps and prints.

9 \* Sec. 3. AS 16.05 is amended by adding a new section to read:

10 Sec. 16.05.826. WATERFOWL STAMP AND FEE. (a) The department  
11 shall publish waterfowl stamps and prints for sale to licensed  
12 waterfowl hunters at \$5 a stamp and to the public at prices to be  
13 established by the commissioner by regulation.

14 (b) A person may not engage in waterfowl hunting without having  
15 the current year's waterfowl stamp in the person's actual possession,  
16 unless that person

17 (1) qualifies for a 25 cent license fee under AS 16.05.-  
18 340(a)(6);

19 (2) is a resident under the age of 16;

20 (3) is 60 years of age or older and has been a resident for  
21 at least one year;

22 (4) is a disabled veteran eligible for a free license under  
23 AS 16.05.341.

24 (c) A waterfowl stamp is valid until January 31 of the year  
25 following the year of issue of the stamp.

26 (d) The department shall by regulation exempt waterfowl hunting  
27 in rural areas of the state not likely to benefit from programs  
28 described in AS 16.05.130 (b)(2) - (4) from the requirement for a  
29 waterfowl stamp.

1     \* Sec. 4. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the legislature that  
2 a sum equal to the amount collected each year from the sale of waterfowl  
3 stamps and prints to the public under AS 16.05.826(a) be appropriated to  
4 the department for the purposes listed in AS 16.05.130(b).

5     \* Sec. 5. This Act takes effect January 1, 1985.