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1 IN THE SENATE BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE
2 HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 278 (Resources)
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION
5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act establishing a waterfowl conservation stamp
7 and fee; and 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 conservation tags 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 conservation tag
27 fees from hunters may not be diverted to a purpose other than (1) the
28 conservation and enhancement of waterfowl; (2) the acquisition, by
29 lease or otherwise of wetlands that are important for waterfowl and

1 public use of waterfowl in the state; (3) waterfowl related projects
2 approved by the commissioner; and (4) the administration of the water-
3 fowl conservation program. The department shall maintain a state
4 waterfowl tag fee account within the fish and game fund to permit
5 separate accounting records for the receipt and expenditure of money
6 derived from the sale of waterfowl tags. The department shall report
7 annually to the public on the use of money derived from waterfowl con-
8 servation tags and limited edition prints.

9 * Sec. 3. AS 16.05.340(a) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

10 (17) Waterfowl conservation tag \$ 5

11 (A) A person may not engage in waterfowl hunting
12 without having the current year's waterfowl tag in the person's
13 actual possession, unless that person

14 (i) qualifies for a 25 cent license fee under
15 AS 16.05.340(a)(6);

16 (ii) is a resident under the age of 16;

17 (iii) is 60 years of age or older and has been a
18 resident for at least one year;

19 (iv) is a disabled veteran eligible for a free
20 license under AS 16.05.341.

21 (B) The Board of Game shall by regulation exempt from
22 the requirement for a waterfowl conservation tag waterfowl hunt-
23 ing in areas of the state not likely to benefit from programs
24 described in AS 16.05.130(b)(2) - (4).

25 * Sec. 4. AS 16.05.350 is amended to read:

26 Sec. 16.05.350. EXPIRATION OF LICENSES AND TAGS. Licenses and
27 tags required under AS 16.05.330 - 16.05.430, except the visitor's
28 special sport fishing license, [AND] the resident trapping license,
29 and the waterfowl conservation tag, expire at the close of December 31

1 following issuance. The resident trapping license expires at the
2 close of September 30 of the year following the year in which the
3 license is issued. The waterfowl conservation tag expires at the
4 close of January 31 of the year following the year of issue of the
5 tag.

6 * Sec. 5. AS 16.05 is amended by adding a new section to read:

7 Sec. 16.05.826. WATERFOWL CONSERVATION STAMP PROGRAM. (a) The
8 waterfowl conservation tag authorized in AS 16.05.340(a)(17) shall be
9 produced annually in stamp form by the Department of Revenue in an
10 amount the department considers appropriate. The department shall make
11 stamps available for the creation of waterfowl conservation limited
12 edition prints and shall provide for the sale of stamps and prints to
13 the public.

14 (b) The Department of Revenue shall provide by appropriate means
15 for the selection of the design of the annual waterfowl conservation
16 stamp and for the production and sale of the stamps.

17 (c) The Department of Revenue may contract to others the perfor-
18 mance of the department's responsibilities under this section. A
19 contract may include provisions for advance payment or reimbursement
20 for services performed under the contract. All costs incurred under
21 this section may be paid from the fish and game fund.

22 * Sec. 6. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the legislature that
23 a sum equal to the amount collected each year from the sale of waterfowl
24 conservation stamps and limited edition prints to the public under AS 16.-
25 05.826 be appropriated to the department for the purposes listed in AS 16.-
26 05.130(b).

27 * Sec. 7. Except for sec. 3 of this Act, this Act takes effect immedi-
28 ately in accordance with AS 01.10.070(c).

29 * Sec. 8. Section 3 of this Act takes effect January 31, 1985.