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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; (4) the administration of the waterfowl
3 conservation program; and (5) emergencies in the state as determined
4 by the governor. The department shall maintain a state waterfowl tag
5 fee account within the fish and game fund to permit separate account-
6 ing records for the receipt and expenditure of money derived from the
7 sale of waterfowl tags. The department shall report prior to April 15
8 annually to the public and the legislature on the use of money derived
9 from waterfowl conservation tags and limited edition prints.

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

11 (17) Waterfowl conservation tag § 5

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

27 Sec. 16.05.350. EXPIRATION OF LICENSES AND TAGS. Licenses and
28 tags required under AS 16.05.330 - 16.05.430, except the visitor's
29 special sport fishing license, [AND] the resident trapping license,

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

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

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

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

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

23 * Sec. 6. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the legislature that
24 a sum equal to the amount collected each year from the sale of waterfowl
25 conservation stamps and limited edition prints to the public under AS 16.-
26 05.826 be appropriated to the department for the purposes listed in AS 16.-
27 05.130(b).

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

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