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1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE BILL NO. 301

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act establishing a furbearer management fund; and
7 providing for an effective date."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 16 is amended by adding a new chapter to read:

10 CHAPTER 22. FURBEARER MANAGEMENT FUND.

11 Sec. 16.22.010. FINDINGS. The legislature finds that furbearing
12 animals in the state are an important renewable resource and the
13 export of fur provides significant revenue to Alaskans and the state.
14 A sustained management effort is needed to enhance the furbearer
15 population and to provide for optimum sustained harvest levels.

16 Sec. 16.22.020. FURBEARER MANAGEMENT FUND AND PROGRAM. (a) A
17 furbearer management fund is established in the Department of Fish and
18 Game.

19 (b) The money in the furbearer management fund shall be used for
20 managing a furbearer program. The furbearer program shall be designed
21 to enhance the furbearer population, increase the productivity of
22 furbearer habitats, initiate useful furbearer research programs, and
23 educate trappers consistent with the goal to provide for an optimum
24 population of furbearers.

25 (c) Regulations may be adopted by the department in accordance
26 with AS 44.62 to administer this chapter.

27 Sec. 16.22.030. APPROPRIATIONS TO FURBEARER MANAGEMENT FUND.
28 The furbearer management fund consists of money appropriated by the
29 legislature. Additional money for the fund may be received from

1 federal, state, or other governmental units, or from a private donor.
2 It is the intent of the legislature that the appropriations made to
3 the fund equal at least 50 percent of the fees collected for resident
4 trapping licenses under AS 16.05.340(a)(3)(B).

5 * Sec. 2. AS 16.05.340(a)(3)(B) is amended to read:

6 (B) Resident trapping license..... 10 [3]

7 * Sec. 3. Money appropriated to the furbearer management fund is for
8 capitalization of a loan fund and does not lapse in accordance with AS 37.-
9 25.010.

10 * Sec. 4. This Act takes effect July 1, 1983.

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