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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A BILL

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For an Act entitled: "An Act prohibiting the killing or other taking of

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wolves from aircraft during a predator control

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program."

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

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* Section 1. AS 16.35 is amended by adding a new section to read:

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Sec. 16.35.210. AERIAL KILLING AND TAKING OF WOLVES PROHIBITED.

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A person may not kill, or otherwise take, a wolf from an aircraft as

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part of a predator control program unless the Board of Game makes

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documented public findings that (1) there exists an emergency that

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presents an immediate threat to a population of wildlife on which

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wolves prey, (2) wolf predation has been determined to be the primary

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limiting factor on the population, and (3) other methods of predator

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control are inadequate or unavailable to deal with the emergency,

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thereby necessitating the aerial taking of wolves. Based on the

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findings, the board may declare an emergency and authorize the aerial

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taking of wolves for a specified period of time. For purposes of this

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section, "take" has the meaning given in AS 16.05.940.