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SENATE BILL NO. 398

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to establishing a moose habitat and
7 conservation tag and fee; and providing for an effective date."
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9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

10 * Section 1. AS 16.05.110 is amended to read:

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

15 (1) money received from the sale of state sport fishing,
16 hunting, and trapping licenses, special permits, moose habitat and
17 conservation tags, and waterfowl conservation tags purchased by hunt-
18 ers;

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

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

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

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

26 (6) money from any other source.

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

28 (d) Money accruing to the state from moose habitat and conserva-
29 tion tag fees may not be diverted to a purpose other than (1) the

1 conservation and enhancement of moose and moose habitat; (2) the
2 acquisition, by lease or otherwise, of habitat that is important for
3 moose and public use of moose in the state; (3) moose related projects
4 approved by the commissioner; (4) administration of the moose habitat
5 and conservation program; and (5) emergencies in the state as deter-
6 mined by the governor. The department shall maintain a state moose
7 habitat and conservation account within the fish and game fund to
8 permit separate accounting records for the receipt and expenditure of
9 money derived from the sale of moose habitat tags.

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

11 (18) Moose habitat and conservation tag 5

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

15 (i) qualifies for a 25-cent license under AS 16.-
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 * Sec. 4. AS 16.05.350 is amended to read:

23 Sec. 16.05.350. EXPIRATION OF LICENSES AND TAGS. Licenses and
24 tags required under AS 16.05.330 - 16.05.430, except biennial li-
25 censes, the nonresident special sport fishing license, the resident
26 trapping license, the moose habitat and conservation tag, and the
27 waterfowl conservation tag, expire at the close of December 31 follow-
28 ing issuance. Biennial licenses expire after December 31 of the year
29 following the year of issuance. The resident trapping license expires

1 at the close of September 30 of the year following the year in which
2 the license is issued. The waterfowl conservation tag expires at the
3 close of January 31 of the year following the year of issue of the
4 tag. The moose habitat and conservation tag expires at the close of
5 March 31 of the year following the year of issue of the tag.

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

7 Sec. 16.05.828. MOOSE HABITAT AND CONSERVATION TAG PROGRAM. (a)

8 The moose habitat and conservation tag authorized in AS 16.05.-
9 340(a)(18) shall be produced annually by the department in an amount
10 the Department of Revenue considers appropriate. The department shall
11 make tags available for the creation of moose habitat and conservation
12 limited edition prints and shall provide for the sale of tags and
13 prints to the public.

14 (b) The tag design shall be selected through competition open to
15 artists residing in the state who have submitted entries to the de-
16 partment. Selection shall be made by a panel of five judges comprised
17 of two department employees and three members of nonprofit organiza-
18 tions dedicated to state moose and moose habitat conservation.

19 (c) The department may contract to others the performance of the
20 department's responsibility under this section, including provisions
21 for advance payment or reimbursement for services performed under con-
22 tract. All costs incurred under this section may be paid from the
23 fish and game fund.

24 * Sec. 6. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the legislature that
25 a sum equal to the amount collected each year from the sale of moose habi-
26 tat and conservation tags and limited edition prints to the public under
27 AS 16.05.828 be appropriated to the department for the purposes listed in
28 AS 16.05.130(d).

29 * Sec. 7. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with

1 AS 01.10.070(c).