

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY MENARD, BROWN AND  
HOFFMAN

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HOUSE BILL NO. 214

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to big game animals affected by  
7 operations of the Alaska Railroad."

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

9 \* Section 1. AS 42.40 is amended by adding a new section to read:

10 Sec. 42.40.470. PROTECTION OF BIG GAME. (a) In order to pre-  
11 vent injury to big game animals the corporation shall

12 (1) cover or fill in the spaces between railroad ties on  
13 bridges;

14 (2) plow snow from the right-of-way to a distance of 18  
15 feet from both sides of the railroad track.

16 (b) When the Department of Fish and Game determines that it is  
17 necessary due to snow conditions to reduce the operating speed of  
18 trains in order to protect big game animals concentrated within the  
19 right-of-way between mile 165 and mile 275 of the railroad, the corpo-  
20 ration may not operate trains between mile 165 and mile 275 of the  
21 railroad at a speed greater than 25 miles per hour.

22 (c) The corporation shall take actions necessary to ensure that  
23 the meat of a big game animal killed by the operations of the railroad  
24 is salvaged for human consumption within six hours after the animal is  
25 killed.

26 (d) In this section "big game animal" means moose, caribou,  
27 mountain sheep, mountain goat, or feral reindeer.