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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

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CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 411 (Resources)

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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A BILL

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For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the use of firearms in state
7 parks, state marine parks, state wildlife preserves,
8 and state recreation areas."

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

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* Section 1. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS. The legislature finds that lawful

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hunting activities, when conducted safely, are compatible with other public

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uses in state parks, state marine parks, state wildlife preserves, and

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state recreation areas. The legislature further recognizes that because of

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the wild and remote nature of many state parks and recreation areas, the

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possession and use of a firearm may be necessary to personal safety. The

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legislature therefore finds that a statewide policy regarding the use of

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firearms in state parks, state marine parks, state wildlife refuges, and

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state recreation areas is in the public interest.

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* Sec. 2. AS 41.21.022 is repealed and reenacted to read:

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Sec. 41.21.022. DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS. (a) The discharge of

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firearms during lawful hunting, trapping, and fishing is permitted

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within the boundaries of a state park, state marine park, state wild-

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life preserve, or state recreation area except that the commissioner

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may regulate the use of a firearm or other weapon for reasons of

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public safety within one-half mile of the following areas if the areas

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are posted:

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(1) a trail head;

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(2) a boat launch;

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(3) an improved camp site;

- 1 (4) a visitor center;
- 2 (5) a picnic area;
- 3 (6) a public use cabin;
- 4 (7) a highway wayside;
- 5 (8) a lookout on an established trail system; or
- 6 (9) a parking area.

7 (b) This section does not prohibit the use of a firearm or other
8 legally possessed weapon in defense of life anywhere within a state
9 park, state marine park, state wildlife preserve, or state recreation
10 area.