

1 IN THE SENATE

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SENATE BILL NO. 443

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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

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to game bird farming; and providing
7 for an effective date."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 16.05 is amended by adding a new section to read:

10 Sec. 16.05.332. GROUSE FARMING. (a) Grouse may be raised and
11 bred as domestic stock for commercial purposes, including the sale of
12 offspring, by a person who lawfully owns the grouse and who holds a
13 current valid game bird farming license.

14 (b) The department may issue a game bird farming license for the
15 farming of grouse to a person who applies on a form provided by the
16 department, pays the fee established under AS 16.05.340, and who
17 proves to the satisfaction of the department that the person

18 (1) intends to raise or breed grouse; and

19 (2) possesses facilities for maintaining the grouse under
20 positive control.

21 (c) Notwithstanding other provisions of law, a license or permit
22 from the department, other than a game bird farming license, is not
23 required in order to import, export, or possess grouse for the purpose
24 of grouse farming. A live grouse may not be captured from the wild or
25 released into the wild without an appropriate license or permit from
26 the department.

27 (d) In this section, "grouse" means a member of the family
28 tetraonidae, including grouse, ptarmigan, sage hens, and prairie
29 chickens.

1 * Sec. 2. This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(a).