

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE BY
REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

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HOUSE BILL NO. 62

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to means and methods of pursuit,
7 capture, and transport of game by disabled or med-
8 ically handicapped persons."

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

10 * Section 1. AS 16.05.255(a) is amended to read:

11 Sec. 16.05.255. REGULATIONS OF THE BOARD OF GAME. (a) The
12 Board of Game may adopt regulations it considers advisable in accor-
13 dance with the Administrative Procedure Act (AS 44.62) for

14 (1) setting apart game reserve areas, refuges and sanctu-
15 aries in the water or on the land of the state over which it has
16 jurisdiction, subject to the approval of the legislature;

17 (2) establishing open and closed seasons and areas for the
18 taking of game;

19 (3) establishing the means and methods employed in the
20 pursuit, capture, and transport of game, including regulations, con-
21 sistent with resource conservation and development goals, establishing
22 means and methods that may be employed by disabled or medically handi-
23 capped persons;

24 (4) setting quotas, bag limits, harvest levels, and sex,
25 age, and size limitations on the taking of game;

26 (5) classifying game as game birds, song birds, big game
27 animals, fur bearing animals, predators or other categories;

28 (6) methods, means, and harvest levels necessary to control
29 predation and competition among game in the state;

1 (7) watershed and habitat improvement, and management,
2 conservation, protection, use, disposal, propagation and stocking of
3 game;

4 (8) prohibiting the live capture, possession, transport, or
5 release of native or exotic game or their eggs;

6 (9) establishing the times and dates during which the
7 issuance of game licenses, permits and registrations and the transfer
8 of permits and registrations between registration areas and game
9 management units or subunits is allowed;

10 (10) regulating sport hunting and subsistence hunting as
11 needed for the conservation, development, and utilization of game.

12 * Sec. 2. AS 16.05.340 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

13 (f) The commissioner of fish and game may issue, without cost,
14 to a person who is a disabled or medically handicapped person, as
15 defined by AS 16.05.940, a certification that indicates that status.
16 The certification is to be carried in conjunction with a license that
17 authorizes hunting.

18 * Sec. 3. AS 16.05.940 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

19 (35) "disabled or medically handicapped person" means a
20 person who presents to the department either written proof that the
21 person receives at least 70 percent disability compensation from a
22 government agency, or an affidavit signed by a physician licensed to
23 practice medicine in the state, stating that the person is at least 70
24 percent disabled or medically handicapped.