

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE BY  
REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

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HOUSE BILL NO. 62 am

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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 people with  
8 disabilities."

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 people with physical dis-  
23 abilities;

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 with physical disabilities, as defined by AS 16.05.940, a  
15           certification that indicates that status. The certification is to be  
16           carried in conjunction with a license that authorizes hunting.

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

18           (35) "person with physical disabilities" means a person who  
19           presents to the department either written proof that the person re-  
20           ceives at least 70 percent disability compensation from a government  
21           agency, for a physical disability or an affidavit signed by a  
22           physician licensed to practice medicine in the state, stating that the  
23           person is at least 70 percent physically disabled.