

Original sponsor: Resources Committee

1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
2 SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 112 (Finance)
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION
5 A BILL
6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to big game hunting and to the
7 regulation of big game and marine mammal guide-out-
8 fitting, transportation, and other commercial ser-
9 vices for big game hunters; creating the Big Game
10 Commercial Services Board; relating to presumptive
11 sentences for violation of certain big game commer-
12 cial services statutes; and providing for an effec-
13 tive date."
14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:
15 * Section 1. AS 08.01.010(10) is repealed and reenacted to read:
16 (10) Big Game Commercial Services Board (AS 08.54.300);
17 * Sec. 2. AS 08.03.010(c)(20) is repealed and reenacted to read:
18 (20) Big Game Commercial Services Board (AS 08.54.300) --
19 June 30, 1993.
20 * Sec. 3. AS 08.54 is amended by adding new sections to read:
21 ARTICLE 4. BIG GAME COMMERCIAL SERVICES BOARD.
22 Sec. 08.54.300. CREATION AND MEMBERSHIP OF BOARD. (a) For the
23 purposes of licensing and regulating the activities of providers of
24 commercial services to big game hunters in the interest of the state's
25 wildlife resources there is created the Big Game Commercial Services
26 Board. For administrative purposes, the board is in the Department of
27 Commerce and Economic Development.
28 (b) The board consists of nine members:
29 (1) two members who are licensed guide-outfitters;

1 (2) two members who are licensed transporters, one of whom
2 must be engaged in the business of providing air transportation ser-
3 vices;

4 (3) one member who holds a commercial use permit, but does
5 not hold any class of guide-outfitter license or a transporter
6 license;

7 (4) one member of the Board of Game who is chosen by the
8 Board of Game and who does not hold a commercial use permit;

9 (5) one member who represents Native landholders; and

10 (6) two public members.

11 Sec. 08.54.310. DUTIES AND POWERS. (a) The board shall

12 (1) prepare, grade, and administer

13 (A) a written and oral examination of an applicant for
14 a guide-outfitter license that requires demonstration that the
15 applicant is qualified generally to provide guide-outfitted hunts
16 and, in particular, to guide-outfit in each game management unit
17 the applicant has selected; if an applicant demonstrates limited
18 ability to read or write the English language, the entire examin-
19 ation shall be administered orally; and

20 (B) an oral examination of a guide-outfitter who seeks
21 an amendment of a game management unit certification; the examin-
22 ation must require demonstration that the guide-outfitter is
23 qualified to provide guide-outfitted hunts in each new game
24 management unit for which the guide-outfitter seeks to be certi-
25 fied;

26 (2) determine qualifications of applicants for class-A
27 assistant guide-outfitter, marine mammal guide-outfitter, and assis-
28 tant guide-outfitter licenses and authorize the issuance of licenses
29 to those who qualify;

1 (3) establish performance standards for providers of big
2 game commercial services and regulate the activities of these provid-
3 ers;

4 (4) compile, maintain, and publish an annual register of
5 big game commercial service providers subject to this chapter who have
6 not been convicted of a violation of a state or federal statute or
7 regulation relating to the provision of big game commercial services;
8 a big game commercial services provider listed in the register whose
9 license or permit is revoked or suspended shall be removed from the
10 register while the provider's license or permit is revoked or sus-
11 pended;

12 (5) prohibit guide-outfitting, transporting, and other big
13 game commercial services activities that are unsportsmanlike, uneth-
14 ical, unsafe, against principles of game conservation, degrading to a
15 profession subject to this chapter, or that adversely affect natural
16 resources;

17 (6) after a hearing, revoke, suspend, or deny renewal of a
18 license or permit under AS 08.54.500 - 08.54.510;

19 (7) authorize issuance of transporter licenses;

20 (8) authorize issuance of commercial use permits;

21 (9) meet at least twice annually, once in Anchorage and
22 once in another municipality;

23 (10) provide for registration of base camps and facilities
24 used by persons who are licensed or who hold a permit under this
25 chapter.

26 (b) The board may

27 (1) establish, subject to the prior approval of the commis-
28 sioner of fish and game, a resource-based management system for allo-
29 cating access to big game hunting opportunities among guide-outfitters

1 licensed under this chapter;

2 (2) establish the level of supervision that a guide-out-
3 fitter shall provide for class-A assistant guide-outfitters and assis-
4 tant guide-outfitters who are employed by the guide-outfitter.

5 Sec. 08.54.320. BOARD REGULATIONS. The board shall adopt proce-
6 dural and substantive regulations required by this chapter or reason-
7 ably necessary for its administration.

8 Sec. 08.54.330. BOARD ASSISTANCE. The Department of Fish and
9 Game, Department of Natural Resources, and Department of Public Safety
10 shall provide the board with information, data, or technical assis-
11 tance requested by the board for the purposes of licensing and reg-
12 ulating the activities of providers of commercial services to big game
13 hunters.

14 ARTICLE 5. LICENSING.

15 Sec. 08.54.350. GUIDE-OUTFITTER LICENSE. (a) A natural person
16 is entitled to a guide-outfitter license if the person

17 (1) is 21 years of age or older;

18 (2) has practical field experience in the handling of
19 firearms, hunting, judging trophies, field preparation of meat and
20 trophies, first aid, photography, and related guide-outfitting activi-
21 ties;

22 (3) is familiar with the terrain and transportation prob-
23 lems in the game management unit for which the license is requested;

24 (4) has passed the qualification examinations prepared and
25 administered by the board;

26 (5) has demonstrated to the board sufficient standards of
27 competence and ethical conduct and has not been convicted of a state
28 or federal hunting or guide-outfitting statute or regulation within
29 the last five years for which the person was fined more than \$500 or

1 imprisoned for more than five days;

2 (6) has legally hunted in the state for part of each of any
3 five years in a manner directly contributing to the person's experi-
4 ence and competency as a guide-outfitter;

5 (7) has been licensed as and performed the services of a
6 class-A assistant guide-outfitter or assistant guide-outfitter in the
7 state for a part of each of three years, or has guide-outfitted in the
8 state for a part of each of three years under a marine mammal guide-
9 outfitter license issued under AS 08.54.360;

10 (8) has demonstrated a current knowledge of fishing, hunt-
11 ing, and guide-outfitting regulations;

12 (9) is capable of performing the essential duties associ-
13 ated with guide-outfitting;

14 (10) has been favorably recommended in writing by six big
15 game hunters, two for each year of the person's most recent three
16 years as a class-A assistant guide-outfitter or assistant guide-out-
17 fitter, when the person has guide-outfitted or assisted in guide-out-
18 fitting as a class-A assistant guide-outfitter or assistant guide-out-
19 fitter, whose recommendations have been solicited by the board from a
20 list provided by the applicant;

21 (11) possesses a business license to provide guide-out-
22 fitting services;

23 (12) has paid the license fee and commercial use permit
24 fee;

25 (13) has minimum comprehensive general liability insurance
26 of \$300,000 per occurrence or \$500,000 per annual aggregate; and

27 (14) if the person personally pilots aircraft to transport
28 clients during the provision of guide-outfitter services,

29 (A) has a commercial pilot's rating or a minimum of

1 250 hours of flying time in the state; and

2 (B) has aviation passenger liability insurance of
3 \$100,000 per seat.

4 (b) A person who receives a master guide-outfitter license under
5 sec. 12 of this Act may use the title master guide-outfitter and may
6 annually renew the license unless the license has been revoked or
7 suspended or has lapsed under AS 08.54.440. A master guide-outfitter
8 license is for all purposes under this chapter a guide-outfitter
9 license.

10 (c) A guide-outfitter may contract to guide-outfit hunts for big
11 game and may provide transportation to, from, or in the field that is
12 incidental to a guide-outfitted hunt.

13 Sec. 08.54.360. MARINE MAMMAL GUIDE-OUTFITTER LICENSE. (a) The
14 board may issue a marine mammal guide-outfitter license to a natural
15 person who applies to guide-outfit a hunt for a specific species of
16 marine mammal in a specifically designated area if the person

17 (1) is 21 years of age or older;

18 (2) has, for at least 10 years, resided and hunted in the
19 area of the state in which the applicant is to guide-outfit;

20 (3) is able to perform the duties of a marine mammal guide-
21 outfitter;

22 (4) has demonstrated knowledge of the following areas to an
23 extent and degree satisfactory to the board:

24 (A) current fish and game laws and regulations;

25 (B) relevant characteristics of the specific species
26 to be hunted;

27 (C) field preparation of trophies;

28 (D) care of game meat;

29 (E) use of guide-outfitting gear;

1 (F) firearm safety;
2 (G) practical first aid; and
3 (H) booking and contracting hunts;
4 (5) has not been convicted of violating a state or federal
5 game or guide-outfitting statute or regulation during the previous
6 five years for which the person was fined more than \$500 or imprisoned
7 for more than five days;
8 (6) possesses a business license to provide guide-out-
9 fitting services; and
10 (7) has paid the license fee and commercial use permit fee.
11 (b) A marine mammal guide-outfitter may contract to guide-outfit
12 hunts for species of marine mammals for which the marine mammal guide-
13 outfitter license is issued.
14 Sec. 08.54.370. RENEWAL OF GUIDE-OUTFITTER LICENSE AND MARINE
15 MAMMAL GUIDE-OUTFITTER LICENSE. (a) An applicant for renewal of a
16 guide-outfitter license or a marine mammal guide-outfitter license
17 shall submit with the application for renewal
18 (1) the hunt record required under AS 08.54.550 for the
19 period covered by the current license;
20 (2) the license fee for the next licensing period; and
21 (3) the commercial use permit fee for the next licensing
22 period.
23 (b) The department may not renew a license under this section
24 unless all fees have been paid in full and the hunt record has been
25 filed.
26 Sec. 08.54.380. CLASS-A ASSISTANT GUIDE-OUTFITTER LICENSE. (a)
27 A natural person is entitled to a class-A assistant guide-outfitter
28 license if
29 (1) the person

1 (A) has been employed for at least one season as a
2 licensed assistant guide-outfitter; and

3 (B) has had at least 10 years hunting experience in
4 the game management units in which the person is to be employed;
5 military service outside the state for not more than three years
6 shall be accepted as part of the required 10 years hunting ex-
7 perience; or

8 (2) the person

9 (A) physically resides in the game management unit in
10 which the person is to be employed;

11 (B) has had at least 15 years hunting experience in
12 the game management unit in which the person is to be employed;
13 military service outside of the state for not more than three
14 years shall be accepted as part of the required 15 years hunting
15 experience; and

16 (C) has passed qualification examinations prepared and
17 administered by the board.

18 (b) A class-A assistant guide-outfitter

19 (1) may not contract to guide-outfit hunts;

20 (2) shall be under the supervision of a guide-outfitter who
21 has contracted with the client for whom the class-A assistant guide-
22 outfitter is conducting the hunt; and

23 (3) may take charge of a camp and conduct guide-outfitter
24 activities from it without the guide-outfitter being present in the
25 area if the guide-outfitter is supervising the guide-outfitting activ-
26 ities.

27 Sec. 08.54.390. ASSISTANT GUIDE-OUTFITTER LICENSE. (a) A
28 natural person is entitled to an assistant guide-outfitter license if
29 the person

- 1 (1) is 18 years of age or older;
- 2 (2) passes an examination administered by the board;
- 3 (3) has hunted in the state in two of the last five years;
- 4 (4) has demonstrated practical knowledge of first aid and
- 5 cardiopulmonary resuscitation;
- 6 (5) is in sound physical condition; and
- 7 (6) meets additional qualifications that the board may
- 8 establish.

9 (b) An assistant guide-outfitter

- 10 (1) may not contract to guide-outfit hunts; and
- 11 (2) shall be employed by a guide-outfitter and under the
- 12 supervision of a guide-outfitter or class-A assistant guide-outfitter
- 13 at all times while the assistant guide-outfitter is in the field on
- 14 guide-outfitted hunts.

15 Sec. 08.54.400. TRANSPORTER LICENSE. (a) A person is entitled

16 to a transporter license if the person

- 17 (1) applies on a form provided by the department;
- 18 (2) pays the license fee;
- 19 (3) pays the commercial use permit fee;
- 20 (4) provides proof of

21 (A) an air taxi/commercial operator certificate issued

22 by the Federal Aviation Administration under 14 C.F.R. Part 135,

23 if the person provides air transportation services to big game

24 hunters;

25 (B) licensure by the Coast Guard to carry passengers

26 for hire, if the person provides water transportation services to

27 big game hunters and if licensure is required by the Coast Guard;

28 and

- 29 (5) has a business license to transport big game hunters.

1 (b) A transporter may provide transportation services for com-
2 pensation to big game hunters and accommodations in the field at a
3 permanent lodge, house, or cabin owned by the transporter or on a boat
4 with permanent living quarters located on salt water. A transporter
5 may also provide, under authority of a commercial use permit, other
6 big game commercial services as defined under AS 08.54.460. A trans-
7 porter may not provide big game commercial hunting services without
8 holding the appropriate license.

9 (c) An applicant for renewal of a transporter license shall
10 submit with the application for renewal

11 (1) an activity report on a form provided by the department
12 for the period covered by the current license; an activity report
13 shall contain information required by the board by regulation;

14 (2) the license fee for the next licensing period;

15 (3) the commercial use permit fee for the next licensing
16 period; and

17 (4) proof of

18 (A) an air taxi/commercial operator certificate issued
19 by the Federal Aviation Administration under 14 C.F.R. Part 135,
20 if the applicant provides air transportation services to big game
21 hunters;

22 (B) licensure by the Coast Guard to carry passengers
23 for hire, if the applicant provides water transportation services
24 to big game hunters and if licensure is required by the Coast
25 Guard.

26 (d) The department may not renew a transporter license unless
27 all fees have been paid in full and the activity report required under
28 (c)(1) of this section and the proof required under (c)(4) of this
29 section have been filed.

1 (e) A transporter shall place a decal provided by the department
2 on each plane, boat, vehicle, or other equipment used by the trans-
3 porter to provide transportation services to big game hunters. The
4 decal must bear the transporter's license number. The decal is valid
5 only for the plane, boat, vehicle, or other equipment for which the
6 decal is issued.

7 Sec. 08.54.410. APPEAL TO COMMISSIONER FROM BOARD ON DENIAL OF
8 LICENSE. The commissioner of commerce and economic development may
9 order that an applicant for an initial license under AS 08.54.350 -
10 08.54.400 be allowed to take the license examination or be issued the
11 license if, after reviewing a petition filed by the applicant, the
12 commissioner finds that

13 (1) the board denied the applicant an opportunity to take
14 the license examination or refused to approve issuance of the license;

15 (2) the board's denial or refusal has been upheld by a
16 final administrative order and the order has not been appealed to the
17 superior court under AS 44.62.560;

18 (3) the board's denial or refusal was based on

19 (A) an error of fact by the board; or

20 (B) the applicant's failure of the license examination
21 due to faulty or unfair examination questions or procedures;

22 (4) the applicant is otherwise qualified to take the exam-
23 ination or to be issued the license; and

24 (5) sustaining the board's denial or refusal would work a
25 substantial injustice on the applicant.

26 Sec. 08.54.420. RENEWAL OF LICENSES. Notwithstanding AS 08.01.-
27 100(a), guide-outfitter, marine mammal guide-outfitter, and transport-
28 er licenses shall be renewed annually on dates set by the department
29 with the approval of the board.

1 Sec. 08.54.430. EXAMINATIONS FOR GUIDE-OUTFITTER LICENSES. (a)
2 The board shall administer the qualification examinations required
3 under this chapter at least twice a year. An examination may not be
4 given within 90 days after the previous examination. At least once
5 every other year the board shall give the examination at a location
6 other than Anchorage.

7 (b) The board shall regularly disseminate information regarding
8 examinations and other qualifications for all classes of guide-out-
9 fitter licenses to residents of the rural areas of the state.

10 Sec. 08.54.440. FAILURE TO RENEW. (a) A license may not be
11 issued to a guide-outfitter, marine mammal guide-outfitter, class-A
12 assistant guide-outfitter, or assistant guide-outfitter who has failed
13 to renew a license issued under this chapter for two consecutive years
14 unless the guide-outfitter, marine mammal guide-outfitter, class-A
15 assistant guide-outfitter, or assistant guide-outfitter again meets
16 the qualifications for initial issuance of the license.

17 (b) Notwithstanding (a) of this section, a guide-outfitter who
18 fails to renew a license is not required to requalify under AS 08.54.-
19 350(a)(7), unless the license has been lapsed for three or more years.

20 Sec. 08.54.450. LICENSE AND EXAMINATION FEES. (a) The depart-
21 ment shall set license fees under AS 08.01.065 for each of the follow-
22 ing:

- 23 (1) guide-outfitter
- 24 (2) class-A assistant guide-outfitter;
- 25 (3) assistant guide-outfitter;
- 26 (4) marine mammal guide-outfitter;
- 27 (5) transporter.

28 (b) The license fee for the guide-outfitter, marine mammal
29 guide-outfitter, class-A assistant guide-outfitter, or assistant

1 guide-outfitter license is in addition to the fee required for a
2 hunting license.

3 (c) An applicant for a qualifying examination for any class of
4 guide-outfitter license shall pay a fee established by regulations
5 adopted under AS 08.01.065.

6 Sec. 08.54.460. COMMERCIAL USE PERMIT HOLDER. (a) A person,
7 other than a guide-outfitter, marine mammal guide-outfitter, or a
8 transporter, who provides other big game commercial services for
9 compensation shall register with the board on a form provided by the
10 board and shall obtain a commercial use permit and pay the annual
11 commercial use permit fee set under AS 08.54.470. In this section
12 "other big game commercial services" includes provision of accommoda-
13 tions in the field at a permanent lodge, house, or cabin owned by the
14 commercial use permit holder, hunt broker services, gear rental ser-
15 vices, photographic or videographic services, and services as defined
16 by the board by regulation.

17 (b) A commercial use permit may not be issued to a hunting club.
18 A hunting club may not provide other big game commercial services for
19 compensation.

20 Sec. 08.54.470. COMMERCIAL USE PERMIT AND FEE. (a) A person
21 who is licensed under this chapter as a guide-outfitter, marine mammal
22 guide-outfitter, or transporter shall obtain an annual commercial use
23 permit and pay an annual commercial use permit fee.

24 (b) The department, in consultation with the board, shall set
25 the amount of the commercial use permit fee.

26 (c) A guide-outfitter, marine mammal guide-outfitter, and trans-
27 porter shall pay the commercial use permit fee at the time of applica-
28 tion for issuance or renewal of a guide-outfitter license, marine
29 mammal guide-outfitter license, or transporter license.

1 (d) The commissioner of administration shall separately account
2 for commercial use permit fees deposited in the general fund by the
3 department. The annual estimated balance in the account may be used
4 by the legislature to make appropriations to the Department of Fish
5 and Game and the Department of Public Safety to carry out their re-
6 spective responsibilities for management of game resources and en-
7 forcement of game laws.

8 ARTICLE 6. PENALTIES.

9 Sec. 08.54.500. DISCIPLINE OF GUIDE-OUTFITTERS. (a) The board
10 may hold a hearing to determine whether disciplinary action is neces-
11 sary if a written complaint concerning the guide-outfitting activities
12 of a licensee who holds any class of guide-outfitter license is filed
13 with the board. The board shall hold a hearing to determine whether a
14 licensee should be disciplined within a reasonable time after

15 (1) written complaints concerning a licensee's guide-out-
16 fitting activities are filed with the board within a two-year period
17 by three or more of the licensee's clients from separate hunting
18 parties;

19 (2) a written complaint concerning a licensee's conduct
20 during a life-threatening situation is filed with the board; or

21 (3) a licensee has been convicted of a violation of a
22 federal or state statute or regulation relating to hunting or pro-
23 vision of big game commercial services.

24 (b) After a hearing, the board may revoke, suspend, or deny
25 renewal of any class of guide-outfitter license, if the board finds
26 that the licensee

27 (1) engaged in unethical activity, unsafe activity, or
28 activity that adversely affects the natural resources of the state
29 when the activity is related to the purposes of providing

1 guide-outfitting services, however the board may not discipline a
2 licensee under this paragraph for unsafe operation of an aircraft; or

3 (2) violated a provision of a federal or state statute or
4 regulation relating to hunting or provision of big game commercial
5 services.

6 (c) After a hearing, the board shall revoke any class of guide-
7 outfitter license if the board finds that the licensee

8 (1) does not meet the qualifications specified by statute
9 or regulation for the license held;

10 (2) is incompetent as a guide-outfitter, marine mammal
11 guide-outfitter, class-A assistant guide-outfitter, or assistant
12 guide-outfitter; or

13 (3) during the five years immediately preceding the hearing
14 has been convicted of a violation of a federal or state statute or
15 regulation prohibiting

16 (A) waste of a wild food animal;

17 (B) hunting on the same day airborne;

18 (C) hunting during a closed hunting season; or

19 (D) hunting in an area closed by state or federal
20 regulation.

21 (d) If a certified copy of a judgment of conviction of a licens-
22 ee who holds any class of guide-outfitter license for an offense
23 described under (c)(3) of this section is filed with the board, the
24 board shall immediately suspend the licensee's license. The suspen-
25 sion may be ordered even if the conviction resulted from a plea of
26 nolo contendere or if the conviction is under appeal. The suspension
27 remains in effect until after the final disposition of the disciplin-
28 ary proceeding under this section.

29 Sec. 08.54.505. DISCIPLINE OF TRANSPORTERS AND COMMERCIAL USE

1 PERMITTEES. (a) The board may hold a hearing to determine whether
2 disciplinary action is necessary if a written complaint concerning the
3 big game commercial service activities of a transporter who is li-
4 censed under AS 08.54.400 or a commercial use permittee who holds a
5 permit issued under AS 08.54.460 is filed with the board. The board
6 shall hold a hearing to determine whether a licensee or permittee
7 should be disciplined within a reasonable time after

8 (1) written complaints concerning a licensee's or permit-
9 tee's activities are filed with the board within a two-year period by
10 three or more of the licensee's or permittee's clients from separate
11 hunting parties; or

12 (2) a licensee or permittee has been convicted of a viola-
13 tion of a federal or state statute or regulation relating to hunting
14 or provision of big game commercial services.

15 (b) After a hearing, the board may revoke, suspend, or deny
16 renewal of a transporter license or commercial use permit issued under
17 this chapter, if the board finds that the licensee or permittee

18 (1) engaged in unethical activity, unsafe activity, or
19 activity that adversely affects the natural resources of the state
20 when the activity is related to the purposes of providing big game
21 commercial services, however the board may not discipline a licensee
22 or permittee under this paragraph for unsafe operation of an aircraft;
23 or

24 (2) violated a provision of a federal or state statute or
25 regulation relating to hunting or provision of big game commercial
26 services.

27 (c) The board may not revoke, suspend, or deny renewal of a
28 transporter license or commercial use permit for a violation of a
29 federal or state statute or regulation relating to game or provision

1 of big game commercial services committed by an employee of the li-
2 censee or permittee unless the licensee or permittee participated or
3 aided in the violation.

4 (d) After a hearing, the board shall revoke a license or permit
5 if the board finds that the licensee or permittee

6 (1) does not meet the qualifications specified by statute
7 or regulation for the license held; or

8 (2) during the five years immediately preceding the hearing
9 has been convicted of a violation of a federal or state statute or
10 regulation prohibiting

11 (A) waste of a wild food animal;

12 (B) hunting on the same day airborne;

13 (C) hunting during a closed hunting season; or

14 (D) hunting in an area closed by state or federal
15 regulation.

16 (e) If a certified copy of a judgment of conviction of a licens-
17 ee or permittee for an offense described under (d)(2) of this section
18 is filed with the board, the board shall immediately suspend the
19 licensee's or permittee's license or permit. The suspension may be
20 ordered even if the conviction resulted from a pleas of nolo con-
21 tendere or if the conviction is under appeal. The suspension remains
22 in effect until after the final disposition of the disciplinary pro-
23 ceeding under this section.

24 Sec. 08.54.510. DISCIPLINE; GENERAL PROVISIONS. (a) A person
25 who is disciplined under AS 08.54.500 or 08.54.505 may not engage in
26 the provision of big game commercial services during the period of
27 license or permit revocation or other disciplinary action. A person
28 who is licensed under this chapter, or who holds a permit issued under
29 this chapter, may not hire a person whose license or permit to provide

1 big game commercial services is suspended or revoked under AS 08.54.-
2 500 or 08.54.505. A person whose license or permit is suspended or
3 revoked may not be employed by a person who is licensed or who holds a
4 permit under this chapter.

5 (b) If the board revokes a license or permit under AS 08.54.500
6 or 08.54.505, the person whose license or permit has been revoked
7 shall surrender immediately the license or permit to the department.

8 (c) A certified copy of a judgment of conviction of a licensee
9 or permittee for an offense is conclusive evidence of the commission
10 of that offense in a disciplinary proceeding instituted against the
11 licensee or permittee under AS 08.54.500 or 08.54.505 based on that
12 conviction, regardless of whether the conviction resulted from a plea
13 of nolo contendere or the conviction is under appeal, unless the
14 conviction is overturned on appeal.

15 (d) Within 30 days after conclusion of a hearing under AS 08.-
16 54.500 or 08.54.505, the board shall notify the complainant of the
17 results of the hearing, including written reasons justifying a deci-
18 sion not to take disciplinary action.

19 Sec. 08.54.520. UNLAWFUL ACTS. (a) It is unlawful for a

20 (1) person who is licensed or who holds a commercial use
21 permit under this chapter to knowingly fail to timely report to the
22 Department of Public Safety, division of fish and wildlife protection,
23 and in no event later than 30 days, a violation of a state fish, game,
24 or big game commercial services statute or regulation that the person
25 reasonably believes was committed by a client or an employee of the
26 person;

27 (2) person who is licensed or who holds a commercial use
28 permit under this chapter to knowingly

29 (A) commit or aid the commission of a violation of

1 this chapter, a regulation adopted under this chapter, or a state
2 fish or game statute or regulation; or

3 (B) permit the commission of a violation of this
4 chapter, a regulation adopted under this chapter, or a state fish
5 or game statute or regulation that the person knows or reasonably
6 believes is being or will be committed without

7 (i) attempting to prevent it, short of using
8 force; and

9 (ii) reporting it;

10 (3) person without a current commercial use permit issued
11 under this chapter to knowingly provide big game commercial services;

12 (4) person who is licensed or who holds a commercial use
13 permit issued under this chapter to intentionally obstruct or hinder
14 or attempt to obstruct or hinder lawful hunting engaged in by a person
15 who is not a client of the person;

16 (5) class-A assistant guide-outfitter or an assistant
17 guide-outfitter to knowingly guide-outfit a hunt except while employed
18 and supervised by a guide-outfitter;

19 (6) person who holds any class of guide-outfitter license
20 to knowingly enter or remain on state, federal, or private land with-
21 out prior authorization during the course of providing guide-outfit-
22 ting services;

23 (7) person to knowingly guide-outfit without having a
24 current guide-outfitter, marine mammal guide-outfitter, class-A assis-
25 tant guide-outfitter, or assistant guide-outfitter license and hunting
26 license in actual possession;

27 (8) person without a current guide-outfitter or marine
28 mammal guide-outfitter license to knowingly advertise as or represent
29 to be a guide-outfitter;

1 (9) person to knowingly provide transportation services to
2 big game hunters without holding a transporter license;

3 (10) class-A assistant guide-outfitter or an assistant
4 guide-outfitter to knowingly contract for a hunt; or

5 (11) person to knowingly engage in a big game commercial
6 services activity during the period for which the person's license to
7 conduct that activity is suspended or revoked.

8 (b) A person who commits an offense set out in (a)(1) - (6) of
9 this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and is punishable by a fine of
10 not more than \$30,000 or by imprisonment up to one year, or both.

11 (c) A person who commits an offense set out in (a)(7) - (10) of
12 this section is guilty,

13 (1) for a first offense, of a misdemeanor and is punishable
14 by a fine of not more than \$30,000 or by imprisonment up to one year,
15 or both;

16 (2) for a second or subsequent offense, of a class C fel-
17 ony.

18 (d) A person who violates (a)(11) of this section, is guilty of
19 a class C felony.

20 (e) In addition to the penalties set out in (b), (c) and (d) of
21 this section,

22 (1) the court may revoke the person's license to provide
23 guide-outfitting or transportation services for not more than five
24 years; and

25 (2) all guns, fishing tackle, boats, aircraft, automobiles
26 or other vehicles, camping gear, and other equipment and paraphernalia
27 used in, or in aid of, a violation of (a) of this section may be
28 seized by persons authorized to enforce this chapter and may be for-
29 feited to the state as provided under AS 16.05.195.

1 (f) Upon conviction of a person for committing an offense set
2 out in (a) of this section, the execution of sentence may not be
3 suspended and probation may not be granted except on the condition
4 that the minimum term of imprisonment is served. Imposition of sen-
5 tence may not be suspended.

6 Sec. 08.54.530. INJUNCTION AGAINST UNLAWFUL ACTION. When in the
7 judgment of the board a person has engaged in an act in violation of
8 AS 08.54.380(b), 08.54.390(b), 08.54.400(b), 08.54.510(a), and 08.54.-
9 520 or the regulations adopted under them, the board may apply to the
10 appropriate court for an order enjoining the action. Upon a showing
11 by the board that the person is engaging in the act, the court shall
12 grant injunctive relief or other appropriate order without bond.

13 Sec. 08.54.540. RESPONSIBILITY OF GUIDE-OUTFITTER FOR VIOLA-
14 TIONS. A guide-outfitter who contracts to guide-outfit a hunt is
15 equally responsible under AS 08.54.500 for a violation of a federal or
16 state game or guide-outfitting statute or regulation committed by a
17 class-A assistant guide-outfitter or an assistant guide-outfitter
18 while in the course of the class-A assistant guide-outfitter's or
19 assistant guide-outfitter's employment for the guide-outfitter.

20 ARTICLE 7. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

21 Sec. 08.54.550. HUNT RECORDS; CONFIDENTIALITY OF HUNT RECORDS
22 AND ACTIVITY REPORTS. (a) The department shall collect and maintain
23 hunt records provided by guide-outfitters and marine mammal guide-out-
24 fitters. A hunt record must include a list of all big game hunters
25 who used the services of the guide-outfitter or marine mammal guide-
26 outfitter, the number of each big game species taken, and other infor-
27 mation required by the board. The department shall provide forms for
28 reporting hunt records.

29 (b) The department shall make hunt records, and activity reports

1 received under AS 08.54.400, available to state and federal agencies
2 charged with the enforcement of statutes and regulations relating to
3 guide-outfitting or game or with management of game if requested for
4 game management or law enforcement purposes. Aggregated data compiled
5 from hunt records and activity reports may be included in reports by
6 the department. For all other purposes, the hunt records and activity
7 reports are confidential and are not subject to inspection or copying
8 under AS 09.25.110 - 09.25.125.

9 Sec. 08.54.590. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter

10 (1) "base camp" means a guide-outfitter's or marine mammal
11 guide-outfitter's primary base of operations in the field; "base camp"
12 does not include a spike camp;

13 (2) "big game" means brown bear, grizzly bear, caribou,
14 moose, black bear, bison, Sitka blacktail deer, elk, mountain goat,
15 musk-ox, wolf, wolverine, mountain or Dall sheep;

16 (3) "big game commercial hunting service" means a service
17 for which the provider of the service must obtain a guide-outfitter,
18 marine mammal guide-outfitter, class-A assistant guide-outfitter, or
19 assistant guide-outfitter license;

20 (4) "big game commercial service" means a service for which
21 the provider of the service must obtain a commercial use permit;

22 (5) "board" means the Big Game Commercial Services Board;

23 (6) "compensation" means payment for services including
24 wages or other remuneration but not including reimbursement for actual
25 expenses incurred;

26 (7) "department" means the Department of Commerce and
27 Economic Development;

28 (8) "field" means an area outside of established year-round
29 dwellings, businesses, or other developments usually associated with a

1 city, town, or village; "field" does not include permanent hotels or
2 roadhouses on the state road system or state or federally maintained
3 airports;

4 (9) "game management unit" means one of the 26 geographic
5 areas defined by the Board of Game for game management purposes;

6 (10) "guide-outfit" means to provide, for compensation or
7 with the intent or with an agreement to receive compensation, big game
8 commercial hunting services in the field; "guide-outfit" includes
9 accompanying or being present with a big game hunter in the field
10 either personally or through an assistant; "guide-outfit" does not
11 include the provision of transportation to, from, or in the field if
12 the person providing the transportation and the person being trans-
13 ported do not stalk, pursue, track, kill, or attempt to kill big game
14 during the provision of transportation;

15 (11) "hunting club" means an organization that offers use of
16 property or services to individuals who pay a membership fee for the
17 privilege of using the property or services for hunting;

18 (12) "spike camp" means a camp in the field other than a
19 base camp and includes a fly camp or an overnight camp;

20 (13) "transportation services" means the carriage for com-
21 pensation of big game hunters, their equipment, or big game animals
22 harvested by hunters to, from, or in the field; "transportation ser-
23 vices" does not include the carriage by aircraft of big game hunters,
24 their equipment, or big game animals harvested by hunters

25 (A) on nonstop flights between state or federally
26 maintained airports; or

27 (B) by an air taxi operator or air carrier for which
28 the carriage of big game hunters, their equipment, or big game
29 animals harvested by hunters is only an incidental, as defined by

1 the board, portion of its business;

2 (14) "unethical activity" means

3 (A) deception or misrepresentation involving prospec-
4 tive or actual clients either before, during, or following the
5 provision of big game commercial services, including misrepresen-
6 tations through private or public advertising of the type, dura-
7 tion, cost, or conditions of the services;

8 (B) making a guaranty that a species or certain number
9 of species of game will be taken on a hunt;

10 (C) engaging in unsafe or unsportsmanlike activities
11 that are detrimental to the game resources of the state, as
12 defined by regulations of the board, including violations of
13 state hunting or big game commercial services statutes or regu-
14 lations; or

15 (D) accepting a deposit for big game commercial ser-
16 vices without providing before the services are rendered a signed
17 written contract to provide the services.

18 * Sec. 4. AS 12.55.125(e) is amended to read:

19 (e) A defendant convicted of a class C felony may be sentenced
20 to a definite term of imprisonment of not more than five years, and
21 shall be sentenced to the following presumptive terms, subject to
22 adjustment as provided in AS 12.55.155 - 12.55.175:

23 (1) if the offense is a second felony conviction, two
24 years;

25 (2) if the offense is a third felony conviction, three
26 years;

27 (3) if the offense is a first felony conviction, and the
28 defendant knowingly directed the conduct constituting the offense at a
29 uniformed or otherwise clearly identified peace officer, fire fighter,

1 correctional officer, emergency medical technician, paramedic, ambu-
2 lance attendant, or other emergency responder who was engaged in the
3 performance of official duties at the time of the offense, one year;

4 (4) if the offense is a first felony conviction, and the
5 defendant violated AS 08.54.520(a)(7) - (10), one year.

6 * Sec. 5. AS 16.05.407(a) is amended to read:

7 (a) It is unlawful for a nonresident to hunt, pursue, or take
8 brown bear, grizzly bear, mountain goat, [POLAR BEAR,] or sheep in
9 this state, unless personally accompanied by

10 (1) a person who is licensed as a guide-outfitter, [MASTER
11 GUIDE, REGISTERED GUIDE,] class-A assistant guide-outfitter, [GUIDE]
12 or assistant guide-outfitter [GUIDE] by the Big Game Commercial Ser-
13 vices [GUIDE] Board; or

14 (2) a resident over 19 years of age who is

15 (A) the spouse of the nonresident; or

16 (B) related to the nonresident, within and including
17 the second degree of kindred, by marriage or blood.

18 * Sec. 6. AS 16.05.407(d) is amended to read:

19 (d) A nonresident who violates (a) of this section, or who fails
20 to furnish an affidavit under (b) [OR (e)] of this section, is guilty
21 of a misdemeanor and upon conviction is punishable by imprisonment for
22 not more than one year, or by a fine of not more than \$5,000, or by
23 both.

24 * Sec. 7. AS 16.05.407 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

25 (f) An applicant for a nonresident hunt permit for the taking of
26 an animal specified in (a) of this section shall, if requested by the
27 department, first furnish to the department proof of prior authoriza-
28 tion to use state, federal, or private land where the permit hunt will
29 occur. The authorization shall be provided to the applicant by the

1 guide-outfitter with whom the applicant has contracted to guide-outfit
2 the permit hunt.

3 * Sec. 8. AS 16.05.408(a) is amended to read:

4 (a) It is a class A misdemeanor for a nonresident alien

5 (1) to hunt, pursue, or take marine mammals unless person-
6 ally accompanied by a licensed marine mammal guide-outfitter [GUIDE];
7 or

8 (2) to hunt, pursue, or take a big game animal as defined
9 by the Board of Game unless personally accompanied by a guide-outfit-
10 ter, a [LICENSED MASTER GUIDE, REGISTERED GUIDE, OR] class-A assistant
11 guide-outfitter, or an assistant guide-outfitter licensed [GUIDE]
12 under AS 08.54.

13 * Sec. 9. AS 16.05.408 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

14 (c) Before obtaining a nonresident hunt permit for the taking of
15 an animal specified in (a) of this section, a nonresident alien shall,
16 if requested by the department, first furnish to the department proof
17 of prior authorization to use state, federal, or private land where
18 the permit hunt will occur. The authorization shall be provided to
19 the nonresident alien by the guide-outfitter or marine mammal
20 guide-outfitter with whom the nonresident alien has contracted to
21 guide-outfit the permit hunt.

22 * Sec. 10. AS 39.50.200(b)(48) is amended to read:

23 (48) Big Game Commercial Services [GUIDE] Board AS 08.54.-
24 300 [(AS 08.54.010)]; and

25 * Sec. 11. AS 41.23.420(d) is amended to read:

26 (d) The provisions of AS 41.23.400 - 41.23.510 do not affect the
27 authority of

28 (1) the Department of Fish and Game, the Board of Fisher-
29 ies, the Board of Game, or the Big Game Commercial Services [GUIDE]

1 LICENSING AND CONTROL] Board under AS 08.54, AS 16, or AS 41.99.010;
2 (2) the Department of Environmental Conservation under AS
3 46.03; or
4 (3) state agencies and municipalities under AS 44.19.145(a)-
5 (11) and AS 46.40.100.

6 * Sec. 12. AS 44.62.330(a)(35) is amended to read:

7 (35) Big Game Commercial Services [GUIDE LICENSING AND
8 CONTROL] Board

9 * Sec. 13. TRANSITION; GUIDE-OUTFITTER LICENSES. (a) Notwithstanding
10 the repeal of AS 08.54.010 - 08.54.240, all licenses issued under AS 08.-
11 54.010 - 08.54.240 are valid for the period for which the licenses were is-
12 sued.

13 (b) For the purposes of AS 08.54.300 - 08.54.590 as enacted by sec. 3
14 of this Act, until new licenses are issued under this section, a

15 (1) master guide license issued under former AS 08.54.100 and a
16 registered guide license issued under former AS 08.54.110 shall be con-
17 sidered a guide-outfitter license issued under AS 08.54.350;

18 (2) class-A assistant guide license issued under former AS 08.-
19 54.120 shall be considered a class-A assistant guide-outfitter license
20 issued under AS 08.54.380;

21 (3) an assistant guide license issued under former AS 08.54.140
22 shall be considered an assistant guide-outfitter license issued under
23 AS 08.54.390.

24 (c) At the time of the next license renewal following the effective
25 date of this Act, each person licensed as

26 (1) a master guide shall receive a master guide-outfitter li-
27 cense if the person

28 (A) is in good standing at the time of issuance of the
29 license; and

1 (B) has paid the guide-outfitter license fee and the com-
2 mercial use permit fee;

3 (2) a registered guide shall receive a guide-outfitter license
4 if the person

5 (A) is in good standing at the time of issuance of the
6 license; and

7 (B) has paid the guide-outfitter license fee and the com-
8 mercial use permit fee;

9 (3) a class-A assistant guide shall receive a class-A assistant
10 guide-outfitter license if the person

11 (A) is in good standing at the time of issuance of the
12 license; and

13 (B) has paid the class-A assistant guide-outfitter license
14 fee;

15 (4) an assistant guide shall receive an assistant guide-out-
16 fitter license if the person

17 (A) is in good standing at the time of issuance of the
18 license; and

19 (B) pays the assistant guide-outfitter license fee.

20 (d) Notwithstanding (c) of this section, the Department of Commerce
21 and Economic Development may issue a new license under AS 08.54.300 -
22 08.54.590, without an additional fee, to a person licensed under former
23 AS 08.54.010 - 08.54.240 before the next renewal period following the
24 effective date of this Act, if the person satisfies the requirements for
25 the license and the license is valid only for the same period for which the
26 replaced license was issued.

27 * Sec. 14. TRANSITION; OUTFITTERS. (a) Notwithstanding AS 08.54.350,
28 as enacted by sec. 3 of this Act, a natural person is entitled to receive a
29 guide-outfitter license if the person

1 (1) applies on a form provided by the Department of Commerce and
2 Economic Development;

3 (2) lawfully registered a camp, cabin, or lodge under AS 16.-
4 05.787 during 1988;

5 (3) provides evidence satisfactory to the Big Game Commercial
6 Services Board that the person has legally engaged in the business of big
7 game outfitting in 1986, 1987, and 1988;

8 (4) passes the guide-outfitter examination administered by the
9 Big Game Commercial Services Board within two years after the effective
10 date of this Act;

11 (5) has not been convicted of violating a state or federal game
12 or guide-outfitting statute or regulation during the previous five years
13 for which the person was fined more than \$500 or imprisoned for more than
14 five days;

15 (6) has legally hunted in the state for part of each of any five
16 years in a manner directly contributing to the person's experience and
17 competency as a guide-outfitter;

18 (7) has been favorably recommended in writing by six big game
19 hunters, two for each year of the person's most recent three years as a big
20 game outfitter, whose recommendations have been solicited by the Big Game
21 Commercial Services Board from a list provided by the applicant;

22 (8) pays the guide-outfitter license fee and the commercial use
23 permit fee; and

24 (9) possesses a business license to provide recreational ser-
25 vices.

26 (b) A person who is denied a guide-outfitter license under (a) of
27 this section by the Big Game Commercial Services Board may appeal to the
28 commissioner of commerce and economic development. The commissioner may
29 order that the applicant be allowed to take the license examination or be

1 issued the license if, after reviewing a petition filed by the applicant,
2 the commissioner finds that

3 (1) the board denied the applicant an opportunity to take the
4 license examination or refused to approve issuance of the license;

5 (2) the board's denial or refusal has been upheld by a final
6 administrative order and the order has not been appealed to the superior
7 court under AS 44.62.560;

8 (3) the board's denial or refusal was based on

9 (A) an error of fact by the board; or

10 (B) the applicant's failure of the license examination due
11 to faulty or unfair examination questions or procedures;

12 (4) the applicant is otherwise qualified to take the examination
13 or to be issued the license; and

14 (5) sustaining the board's denial or refusal would work a sub-
15 stantial injustice on the applicant.

16 (c) A guide-outfitter license issued under (a) of this section is for
17 all purposes a license issued under AS 08.54.350, as enacted by sec. 3 of
18 this Act.

19 (d) A person who satisfies (a)(1) - (3) of this section, holds a
20 business license as a big game outfitter, and pays a license fee set by the
21 Department of Commerce and Economic Development and the commercial use
22 permit fee is entitled to receive an interim outfitter license pending a
23 final determination of a person's eligibility for a guide-outfitter license
24 under (a) of this section. The right to receive and hold an interim out-
25 fitter license terminates on the earlier of

26 (1) the date of issuance of a guide-outfitter license to the
27 person;

28 (2) a final determination under (a) of this section that the
29 person is not eligible to receive a guide-outfitter license; or

1 (3) two years from the effective date of this Act.

2 (e) A person who holds an interim outfitter license, notwithstanding
3 contrary provisions of AS 08.54, may provide transportation to, from, and
4 in the field to big game hunters and supply other services in the field to
5 big game hunters. The person may not provide guiding services.

6 (f) A person who holds an interim outfitter license shall promptly
7 report to the Department of Public Safety, division of fish and wildlife
8 protection, but not later than 30 days after the violation, a violation of
9 a state fish, game, or big game commercial services statute or regulation
10 that the person reasonably believes was committed by a client or employee
11 of the person.

12 (g) A person who holds an interim outfitter license may accompany or
13 be present with a hunter at a base camp, cabin, or permanent lodge in
14 connection with a big game hunt for compensation only if the person has
15 furnished an affidavit to the Department of Public Safety, division of fish
16 and wildlife protection, at least two weeks in advance. The person may not
17 register more than two base camps. The affidavit must be signed by the
18 person and must provide the following information:

19 (1) the specific location of the camp, cabin, or lodge;

20 (2) the number of big game hunters in each party that will use
21 the camp, cabin, or lodge; and

22 (3) the kinds or species of big game that will be hunted.

23 (h) A person who furnishes an affidavit under (g) of this section
24 shall notify the Department of Public Safety of the amount and kinds or
25 species of big game taken by each hunter who uses the base camp, cabin, or
26 permanent lodge to which the affidavit relates. Notice shall be given
27 within 30 days after the game is taken. The Department of Public Safety
28 shall provide the information received under this subsection to the Depart-
29 ment of Fish and Game.

1 (i) A person who

2 (1) violates (f) of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and
3 upon conviction is punishable by a fine of not more than \$2,000 or by
4 imprisonment for not more than one year, or by both; or

5 (2) falsifies an affidavit under (g) of this section is guilty
6 of unsworn falsification under AS 11.56.210.

7 (j) In this section,

8 (1) "base camp" does not include spike camp, fly camp, or over-
9 night camp;

10 (2) "big game" and "field" have the meaning given in AS 08.54.-
11 590, as enacted by sec. 3 of this Act;

12 (3) "guiding" means accompanying or being present with a big
13 game hunter in the field, personally or through an assistant, for compen-
14 sation or with the intent or an agreement to receive compensation; "guid-
15 ing" does not include

16 (A) providing transportation to or from the field, if the
17 person providing transportation and the persons being transported do
18 not stalk, pursue, track, kill, or attempt to kill big game during the
19 transportation; or

20 (B) selling, leasing, or renting goods, if the transaction
21 does not take place in the field;

22 (4) "outfitting" means the provision of services, other than
23 guiding services, to big game hunters in the field for compensation.

24 * Sec. 15. INITIAL APPOINTMENTS TO BIG GAME COMMERCIAL SERVICES BOARD.
25 Notwithstanding AS 08.54.300(b), as enacted by sec. 3 of this Act, the
26 initial appointments to the Big Game Commercial Services Board under

27 (1) AS 08.54.300(b)(1) may also be filled by the appointment of
28 a master guide or registered guide licensed under former AS 08.54.010 -
29 08.54.240 or a person who lawfully registered a camp, cabin, or lodge under

1 AS 16.05.787 during 1988 and legally engaged in the business of big game
2 outfitting in 1986, 1987, and 1988;

3 (2) AS 08.54.300(b)(2) may also be filled by the appointment of
4 a person who engaged in the business of providing transportation to big
5 game hunters in 1986, 1987, and 1988.

6 * Sec. 16. TRANSITION. Litigation, hearings, investigations, and other
7 proceedings pending under a law amended or repealed by this Act continue in
8 effect and may be continued and completed notwithstanding an amendment or
9 repeal provided for in this Act. Licenses, orders, and regulations issued
10 or adopted under authority of a law amended or repealed by this Act remain
11 in effect for the term issued or until revoked, vacated, or otherwise
12 modified under the provisions of this Act.

13 * Sec. 17. AS 08.54.010, 08.54.030, 08.54.035, 08.54.040, 08.54.045,
14 08.54.050, 08.54.060, 08.54.070, 08.54.100, 08.54.110, 08.54.120, 08.54.-
15 130, 08.54.140, 08.54.141, 08.54.150, 08.54.160, 08.54.170, 08.54.180,
16 08.54.186, 08.54.190, 08.54.195, 08.54.200, 08.54.210, 08.54.220, 08.54.-
17 230, 08.54.240; AS 16.05.370(b), 16.05.370(c), 16.05.407(e), 16.05.786, and
18 16.05.787 are repealed.

19 * Sec. 18. Sections 4, 6, 12, and 13, ch. 160, SLA 1988 are repealed.

20 * Sec. 19. AS 08.54.310(b)(1), as enacted by sec. 3 of this Act, takes
21 effect on the earlier of

22 (1) January 15, 1990; or

23 (2) the date of submission to the legislature of a recommenda-
24 tion by the Task Force on Guiding and Game for a resource-based management
25 system for allocating access to big game hunting opportunities among guide-
26 outfitters licensed under AS 08.54.

27 * Sec. 20. Except for AS 08.54.310(b)(1), as enacted by sec. 3 of this
28 Act, this Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).