

BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

1 IN THE HOUSE

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HOUSE BILL NO. 582

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the hunting of bears."

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

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

9 Sec. 16.05.783. BAITING OF BEARS PROHIBITED. (a) A person may
10 not intentionally take a bear with the aid of bait.

11 (b) A person may not intentionally make, use, or set bait in
12 order to attract a bear for the purpose of taking the bear.

13 (c) This section does not apply to the use of bait in the course
14 of official duties by a state or local law enforcement officer or an
15 employee of the department.

16 (d) A person who violates (a) of this section is guilty of a
17 class A misdemeanor.

18 (e) A person who violates (b) of this section is guilty of a
19 class B misdemeanor.

20 (f) In this section, "bait" includes a lure, scent, or other
21 material intended to attract a bear; "bait" does not include the
22 remains of lawfully taken fish or game or the naturally occurring
23 carcass of a dead animal, if the remains or carcass has not been moved
24 by a person.