

1 IN THE SENATE

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SENATE BILL NO. 176

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the use of big game harvest permits as prizes or premiums in fund-raising activities for fish and game conservation and law enforcement purposes conducted by qualified nonprofit organizations."

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

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

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Sec. 16.05.058. BIG GAME HARVEST PERMITS AS PRIZES AND PREMIUMS.

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(a) The commissioner, subject to regulations adopted by the Board of Game, may enter into annual agreements with qualified organizations established to promote fish and game conservation or fish and game law enforcement to issue a big game harvest permit without charge to an individual determined by lottery, public auction, or other fund-raising procedure conducted by the organization.

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(b) A qualified organization that enters into an agreement with the commissioner under (a) of this section may retain from the proceeds of the fund-raising activity an amount equal to the administrative cost of the fund-raising activity plus an amount not to exceed 10 percent of the proceeds. The amount of proceeds not retained by the qualified organization shall be given to the commissioner under AS 16.05.050 for purposes specified by the qualified organization.

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(c) The exercise of a privilege conferred by a big game harvest permit issued under this section is subject to regulations relating to the time, place, and manner of taking the species for which the permit

1 is issued.

2 (d) In this section "qualified organization" means a nonprofit
3 corporation that complies with applicable laws governing fund-raising
4 activities of nonprofit organizations.

5 * Sec. 2. AS 16.05.255(a) is amended to read:

6 (a) The Board of Game may adopt regulations it considers advis-
7 able under [IN ACCORDANCE WITH] the Administrative Procedure Act
8 (AS 44.62) for

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

12 (2) establishing open and closed seasons and areas for the
13 taking of game;

14 (3) establishing the means and methods employed in the
15 pursuit, capture, and transport of game;

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

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

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

22 (7) watershed and habitat improvement, and management,
23 conservation, protection, use, disposal, propagation, and stocking of
24 game;

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

27 (9) establishing the times and dates during which the
28 issuance of game licenses, permits, and registrations and the transfer
29 of permits and registrations between registration areas and game

1 management units or subunits is allowed;

2 (10) regulating sport hunting and subsistence hunting as
3 needed for the conservation, development, and utilization of game;

4 (11) annually allocating big game harvest permits for dis-
5 tribution by the commissioner under AS 16.05.058.