

**CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 490 (ITT)**  
**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA**  
**SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION**

**BY THE HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND TOURISM**

**Offered: 3/11/92**

**Referred: Judiciary, Resources**

**Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVE GRUSSENDORF**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act prohibiting the sale or purchase of parts of bears."**

2 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

3 **\* Section 1. AS 16.05.920 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:**

4 (e) A person may not sell, purchase, offer to sell or purchase, or possess for sale the  
5 meat, hide, teeth, claws, or other parts of a brown, black, or polar bear. The possession of more  
6 than one gall bladder of a bear is prima facie evidence that the bear gall bladders are possessed  
7 for sale. A person who violates this subsection is guilty of a class C felony; however, the fine  
8 that may be imposed for violations of this subsection may not exceed the greater of \$100,000 or  
9 the three times fair market value of the bear parts involved in the commission of the offense.

10 This subsection does not apply to

11 (1) customary trade or barter of parts of a bear legally taken for subsistence uses;

12 (2) the sale of a bear skin or bear trophy by a taxidermist licensed under this  
13 chapter, an estate executor, or a bankruptcy referee under the terms of a permit issued by the  
14 department;

- 1 (3) the sale of a bear skin or bear trophy by the state as excess property; or  
2 (4) a person who purchases a bear skin or bear trophy under (1) - (3) of this  
3 subsection; however, the person may not resell the skin or trophy.