

HOUSE BILL NO. 63

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE GRUSSENDORF

Introduced: 1/15/93

Referred: Resources, Judiciary, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act prohibiting the sale or purchase of parts of bears and relating to
2 possession and use of bear gall bladders."

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

4 * **Section 1.** AS 16.05.255 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

5 (e) The Board of Game may adopt regulations regarding the possession and
6 personal use of bear gall bladders.

7 * **Sec. 2.** AS 16.05.920 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

8 (c) A person may not intentionally or knowingly sell, purchase, offer to sell
9 or purchase, or possess for sale the meat, hide, teeth, claws, or other parts of a brown
10 or black bear. A person who violates this subsection is guilty of a class C felony;
11 however, the fine that may be imposed for violations of this subsection may not
12 exceed \$100,000. It is an affirmative defense to a prosecution under this subsection
13 that a bear skin or bear trophy was purchased or offered to be purchased from, or sold
14 or offered to be sold by, or possessed for sale by

1 (1) a taxidermist licensed under this chapter, an estate executor, or a
2 bankruptcy referee under the terms of a permit issued by the department; or
3 (2) the state as excess property.

4 * Sec. 3. AS 16.05.925 is amended to read:

5 Sec. 16.05.925. PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS. Except as provided in
6 AS 16.05.430, 16.05.722, 16.05.723, 16.05.831, [AND] 16.05.860, and 16.05.920(c),
7 a person who violates AS 16.05.920 or 16.05.921, or a regulation adopted under this
8 chapter or AS 16.20, is guilty of a class A misdemeanor.

9 * Sec. 4. The Board of Game shall, by January 1, 1994, adopt regulations restricting
10 possession and personal use of black bear and brown bear gall bladders under
11 AS 16.05.255(e), added by sec. 1 of this Act.