

HOUSE BILL NO. 239

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVES BUNDE, Brice

Introduced: 3/19/93

Referred: Resources, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to raffles and auctions of certain permits to take big game;
2 and providing for an effective date."

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

4 * **Section 1.** AS 16.05.343 is repealed and reenacted to read:

5 Sec. 16.05.343. **AUCTIONS OR RAFFLES FOR BIG GAME HARVEST**
6 **PERMITS.** (a) The department, subject to regulations adopted by the Board of Game,
7 may issue one bison harvest permit each year for a bison from the Delta bison herd
8 through a competitive auction or raffle. Notwithstanding AS 36.30, the department
9 may authorize a qualified organization to conduct the auction or raffle on behalf of the
10 department. If the auction or raffle is conducted by a qualified organization, the
11 organization may retain an amount from the gross proceeds of the auction or raffle
12 equal to the administrative cost of the auction or raffle plus an amount not to exceed
13 10 percent of the net proceeds. All remaining proceeds from the auction or raffle of
14 the bison harvest permit whether conducted by the department or as otherwise

1 authorized by the department shall be deposited in the fish and game fund under
2 AS 16.05.100. The exercise of a privilege conferred by a bison harvest permit issued
3 under this subsection is subject to laws relating to the time, place, and manner of
4 taking bison from the Delta bison herd. In this subsection, "qualified organization"
5 means a nonprofit corporation established to promote fish and game law enforcement
6 that complies with applicable laws governing activities under this section.

7 (b) The department, subject to regulations adopted by the commissioner, may
8 issue, through a competitive auction or raffle, up to two harvest permits each year for
9 each of the following big game species: Dall sheep, bison, musk ox, brown or grizzly
10 bear, moose, caribou, and wolf. Notwithstanding AS 36.30, the department may
11 authorize a qualified organization to conduct the auction or raffle on behalf of the
12 department. If the auction or raffle is conducted by a qualified organization, the
13 organization may retain an amount from the gross proceeds of the auction or raffle
14 equal to the administrative cost of the auction or raffle plus an amount not to exceed
15 10 percent of the net proceeds. All proceeds from the auction or raffle of the big
16 game harvest permit less the amount that is retained by a qualified organization under
17 this subsection shall be deposited in the fish and game fund under AS 16.05.100. A
18 person who is issued a big game harvest permit under this subsection shall receive
19 upon the person's request a complimentary hunting license and a big game tag for the
20 big game species for which the big game harvest permit is issued. A hunting license
21 issued under this subsection must bear the inscription "Governor's license" or a similar
22 designation. A person who receives a big game harvest permit, hunting license, or big
23 game tag under this subsection may exercise the privileges conveyed by the permit,
24 license, or tag only in accordance with applicable law. In this subsection, "qualified
25 organization" means a nonprofit organization that is established to promote
26 management of big game species or ethical use of big game populations for hunting
27 and that complies with applicable laws governing activities under this subsection.

28 * Sec. 2. This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).