

FILE WITH BILL

# STATE OF ALASKA

## DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

JAY S. HAMMOND, Governor

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March 7, 1975

The Honorable Kathryn Poland  
Chairman  
Senate Resources Committee  
Alaska State Legislature  
State Capitol  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Senator Poland:

re Senate Bill No. 178

Senate Bill No. 178 was introduced on February 18, 1975 and was referred to the Senate Resources and Finance Committees.

As the Department of Revenue is responsible for the statewide issuance of sports fishing and hunting licenses with accounting headquarters in Juneau, I have asked Robert Pilcher, Manager of the Fish and Game Licensing Section to review the legislation with respect to effect on Treasury; administrative problems, costs and comments on an effective date.

Attached is a copy of a memorandum from Mr. Pilcher dated February 27, 1975 concerning the proposed legislation.

If you or any members of the Senate Resources Committee have any questions on the material submitted, please contact the writer at 465-2397 and I will arrange to have Mr. Pilcher available for Committee discussion.

Respectfully yours,

R. D. Stevenson  
Special Assistant

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Attachment

cc The Honorable Bill Ray  
Chairman  
Senate Finance Committee

Robert Pilcher  
Department of Revenue

## MEMORANDUM

State of Alaska

TO: R. D. Stevenson  
Special Assistant  
Department of Revenue

DATE: February 27, 1975

FILE NO:

TELEPHONE NO: 586-1870

FROM: R. H. Pilcher  
Manager  
Juneau Field Office

SUBJECT: Review of Senate Bill No. 178 -  
Fish & Game License Requirements

Present law grants exemption from sport fishing, hunting and trapping license requirements to persons 60 years of age or more who have been residents for 30 consecutive years or more, as long as they remain residents.

Passage of SB 178 will extend this exemption to those 65 years of age or more who have been residents for 10 consecutive years or more.

Office of Aging statistics indicate there are 8,295 residents 65 years of age or more presently in Alaska, however there is no data available on the number who have been residents for 10 consecutive years or more. Department of Fish and Game statistics indicate approximately 3,300 permanent Identification cards have been issued to date under present law.

Estimating that approximately 75% of those 65 years of age or more have been residents for more than 10 years and are therefore eligible to benefit by passage of this amendment, and that approximately 50% of those eligible now purchase licenses, and that approximately 25% already hold permanent ID cards, approximately 2,350 residents would be exempted by this amendment.

Annual gross revenue loss is calculated to be approximately \$12,102.00 for fiscal year 1976. There would also be the loss of Federal Aid Matching Funds on the ratio of 3 to 1 to be considered. The Office of Aging forecasts an increase of approximately 335 residents 65 years of age or more each year through 1980. This means a corresponding loss of revenue of approximately \$1,725.00 plus Federal Aid Matching Funds each year. However it is believed the Office of Aging has not taken into consideration the effect recent legislation, such as, the longevity bonus, the 25% Cost of Living Allowance based on Social Security Benefits, Real Property tax exemption, free passage on Government Operated Ferry and Transit Systems, plus enactment of proposed legislation such as payment of water and sewer assessments, will have on retaining the elderly in Alaska.

There is no effective date on the bill. An effective date of January 1, 1976 should be requested to give Fish and Game time to implement the program.

Since this is a license exemption, there would be no administrative costs to licensing, however there would be increased costs to Fish and Game for additional ID cards, personnel to process applications, and mailing costs.

The bill gives no indication of a method to effectively enforce the program and no funds are allocated to administer the program. Under present law Fish and Game only processes the applications as they come in and issues permanent numbered ID cards.

Introduced: 2/18/75  
Referred: Resources and  
Finance

BY BRADLEY, ORSINI,  
RODEY AND WILLIS

1 IN THE SENATE

2 SENATE BILL NO. 178

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to fish and game license requirements."

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

8 \* Section 1. AS 16.05.400(b) is repealed and re-enacted to read:

9 (b) A sport fishing, hunting or trapping license is not required  
10 of a resident who is

11 (1) between the ages of 60 and 65 if he has been a resident  
12 for 30 consecutive years or more, as long as he remains a resident; or

13 (2) 65 years of age or more if he has been a resident for  
14 10 consecutive years or more, as long as he remains a resident.

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