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SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT

FIRST COMMITTEE OF REFERRAL

Date of 5-DAY NOTICE 2/16/89
IN ACCORDANCE WITH UNIFORM RULE 23

**FISCAL NOTE(S) MUST BE ATTACHED
IN ACCORDANCE WITH AS 24.08.035

FURTHER FINANCE

DATE TURNED INTO OFFICE 2/19/89

1/9/89

Mr. President:

RESOURCES Committee considered SB 30

repealing the 25-cent resident hunting, trapping, and sport fishing license and a related exemption from commercial fishing permit requirements.

and recommended:

replace with CS SB 30 (Rec) same title
 attached amendment(s) and new title

_____ letter of intent adopted

do pass

do not pass

no recommendation

individual recommendations

further referral to _____

FISCAL NOTE(S) attached zero fiscal impact
 appropriation no FN attached Gov. FN introduced w/ bill

MEMBERS SIGNING DO PASS

OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

Rick Halford
Don
~~[Signature]~~
[Signature]
Chris Sturgulinski

Dittie Lehrenkamp No Pass
Chairman/signature and recommendation

Committee backup attached

Alaska State Legislature

Senator Paul Fischer
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State Senate

White in Juneau
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Senator Bettye Fahrenkamp, Chairman
Senate Resources Committee

FROM: Senator Paul Fischer *PF*

SUBJECT: Senate Bill 30
(repealing the 25-cent resident hunting, trapping,
and sport fishing license)

DATE: January 27, 1989

I would appreciate your scheduling the above referenced bill before the Senate Resources Committee at your earliest possible convenience.

As you are aware, this legislation received considerable review during the Fifteenth Legislature. The Department of Fish and Game has testified that there is no question that this program costs the state money to administer and does not generate revenue and, since there is absolutely no verification of an applicant's qualifications, the program is open to abuse.

I have attached fiscal notes from the Departments of Public Safety and Fish and Game, as well as a letter of support from The Alaska Outdoor Council.

Your consideration will be greatly appreciated.

PAF/sgn

BILL NO: SB 30

DATE: January 13, 1989

TITLE: "An Act repealing the 25¢ resident hunting, trapping, and sport fishing license..."

CONTACT: Captain C. G. Seibel
269-5509

DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC SAFETY

Passage of this bill would repeal the 25¢ resident hunting, trapping, and sport fishing license. All residents, except those included under AS 16.05.341 and AS 16.05.400, would be required to pay the full purchase price of \$32.00 for a resident hunting, trapping, and sport fishing license.

Residents who now purchase 25¢ licenses may engage in waterfowl hunting without having purchased a \$5.00 State Waterfowl Conservation tag as required under AS 16.05.340(a)(17). This bill would eliminate this exemption under AS 16.05.340(a)(17)(A)(i) and these residents would also be required to purchase the Waterfowl Conservation tag. This bill would also eliminate the provision under AS 16.05.660 allowing 25¢ license holders to take up to 2,000 pounds per year of tom cod, blue cod, smelt, pichera!, white fish, and spider crab from the waters of the state.

Passage of this bill is not expected to impact the Department of Public Safety.

The Department of Public Safety is neutral on this bill.


Arthur English
Commissioner

FISCAL NOTE

REQUEST:

Revision Date: _____
Title: Repealing the 25¢ resident hunting, trapping, & sport fishing license.
Sponsor: Senator Fischer
Requestor: Senate Resources

Agency Affected: Public Safety
BRU: Fish and Wildlife Protection
Component: Enforcement

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars) (Inflation not included)

OPERATING	FY 89	FY 90	FY 91	FY 92	FY 93	FY 94
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	0	0	0	0	0	0

CAPITAL	0	0	0	0	0	0
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REVENUE						
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FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND	0	0	0	0	0	0
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME	0	0	0	0	0	0
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

ANALYSIS : (Attach a separate page if necessary)

No fiscal impact is anticipated.

Prepared by: Captain Conrad G. Seibel
Division: Fish and Wildlife Protection

Phone: 269-5509
Date: 1-13-89

Approved by Commissioner: cl Arthur English
Agency: Department of Public Safety

Date: 1-22-89

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1/21/89

FISCAL NOTE

REQUEST:

Revision Date: _____
 Title: An Act repealing the 25¢
resident hunting, ... license
 Sponsor: Fischer
 Requestor: Resources

Agency Affected: Fish and Game
 BRU: Wildlife Conservation and
Sport Fish
 Components: Wildlife Conservation
and Sport Fish

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 89	FY 90	FY 91	FY 92	FY 93	FY 94
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING						

CAPITAL						
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REVENUE	4.4	62.9	210.6	223.1	223.1	223.1
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FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND						
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER Fish & Game		41.9	133.1	223.1	223.1	223.1
TOTAL						

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

ANALYSIS : (Attach a separate page if necessary)

See Attached

Prepared by: Beverly Reaume
 Division: Administration

Phone: 465-4120
 Date: 1/27/89

Approved by Commissioner: _____
 Agency: Fish and Game

Date: _____

Distribution (by preparer):
 Legislative Finance
 Legislative Sponsor
 Requestor
 Office of Management and Budget
 Impacted Agency(ies)

SB 30 - 25 CENT LICENSES

ASSUMPTIONS: THE FIRST HALF OF FY90 WILL HAVE LICENSES SOLD AT 25 CENTS
 OVERALL SALES WILL DECREASE WITH THE CHANGE TO FULL PRICE
 THE INCREASED VALUE RECOGNIZES THE PROPOSED FEE INCREASE

SOLD IN FY88	NUMBER	VALUE
SPORT FISH	5600	1400
SPORT HUNT	6300	1575
TRAP	5600	1400
	17500	\$4,375

PROJECTED SALES IN FY90

	25 CENT	VALUE	NEW \$5 FEE	VALUE
SPORT FISH	3248	812	1645	8225
SPORT HUNT	3465	866	1985	9925
TRAP	2688	672	2025	10125
	9401	\$2,350	5655	\$28,275

PROJECTED SALES FY91

		\$5 FEE
SPORT FISH	4000	20000
SPORT HUNT	4425	22125
TRAP	4000	20000
	12425	\$62,125

PROJECTED SALES BY92 AND BEYOND

		\$5 FEE
SPORT FISH	4200	21000
SPORT HUNT	4725	23625
TRAP	4200	21000
	13125	\$65,625

FISCAL NOTE

REQUEST:

Revision Date: 03/09/89 Agency Affected: Fish and Game
 Title: "An Act relating to ...license for low income or indigent persons" BRU: Administration and Support
 Sponsor: Fischer Components: Administrative Services
 Requestor: _____

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 89	FY 90	FY 91	FY 92	FY 93	FY 94
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL		7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING		7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5
CAPITAL						
REVENUE	4.4	69.8	154.4	154.4	154.4	154.4

FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND		7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
TOTAL						

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

ANALYSIS : (Attach a separate page if necessary)

See enclosed.

Prepared by: Beverly Reaume, Director Phone: 465-4120
 Division: Administration Date: 03/20/89
 Approved by Commissioner: [Signature] Date: 3/20/89
 Agency: Fish and Game

Distribution (by preparer):

- Legislative Finance
- Legislative Sponsor
- Requestor
- Office of Management and Budget
- Internal Agency Use

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- ASSUMPTIONS: (1) THE FIRST HALF OF FY90 WILL HAVE LICENSES SOLD AT 25 CENTS
 (2) 25% OF THOSE PREVIOUSLY PURCHASING 25 CENTS LICENSES WILL
 BUY A FULL PRICE HUNTING/FISHING COMBINATION LICENSE
 (3) HALF WILL BUY A \$5 LOW-INCOME LICENSE
 (4) SEPARATE LOW INCOME LICENSE CREATED

IN FY88 17,500 LICENSES WERE SOLD AT 25 CENTS PER LICENSE

THE VALUE EQUALED $17,500 \times .25 = \$4,375$

PROJECTED SALES IN FY90 (FIRST HALF OF YEAR AT 25 CENTS)

FIRST SIX MONTHS OF FY90	$9400 \times .25 =$	2350
SECOND SIX MONTHS OF FY90		
NEW LOW INCOME LICENSE	6075×5	\$30,375
COMBINATION LICENSE AT FULL PRICE	2025×22	\$44,550
TOTAL SALES FY90		\$77,275

PROJECTED SALES FY91 AND BEYOND

LOW INCOME LICENSES	13125×5	\$65,625
COMBINATION LICENSE AT FULL PRICE	4375×22	\$96,250
TOTAL SALES FY91		\$161,875

EXPENSES:

PRINTING 15,000 LOW INCOME LICENSES	\$5,000
DISTRIBUTION/POSTAGE COSTS	\$2,500
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$7,500

TOTAL SALES REVENUE FY90 \$77,275

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 (5) HB124, THE LICENSE FEE INCREASE, PASSES

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PROJECTED SALES IN FY90 (FIRST HALF OF YEAR AT 25 CENTS)

FIRST SIX MONTHS OF FY90	9400 x .25 =	2350
SECOND SIX MONTHS OF FY90		
NEW LOW INCOME LICENSE	6075 x 5	\$30,375
COMBINATION LICENSE AT FULL PRICE	2025 x 40	\$81,000
TOTAL SALES FY90		\$113,725

PROJECTED SALES FY91 AND BEYOND

LOW INCOME LICENSES	13125 x 5	\$65,625
COMBINATION LICENSE AT FULL PRICE	4375 x 40	\$175,000
TOTAL SALES FY91		\$240,625

EXPENSES:

PRINTING 15,000 LOW INCOME LICENSES	\$5,000
DISTRIBUTION/POSTAGE COSTS	\$2,500
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$7,500

TOTAL NEW RECEIPTS = \$0

TOTAL RECEIPTS = \$0

Income Guidelines for Public Assistance Programs

(Source: Department of HESS)

Aid to Families with Dependent Children (one adult and children.):

<u>Number in Family</u>	<u>Maximum Gross Yearly Income For Eligibility</u>
2	\$8,628
3	\$9,708
4	\$10,788
5	\$11,868

Food Stamps:

1	\$9,384
2	\$12,564
3	\$15,744
4	\$18,936
5	\$22,116

Adult Public Assistance:

One Adult	\$8,220
Two Adults	\$12,180

STATE OF ALASKA

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

STEVE COWPER, GOVERNOR

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March 6, 1989

The Honorable Dick Eliason
Alaska State Senator
P.O. Box V
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Senator Eliason:

This letter is to follow-up on the teleconference discussions between yourself, Lew Pamplin, and myself regarding SB 30. You will recall that during those discussions you advocated modifying the present requirements for purchase of the 25-cent (low income license) by changing the present statute to require that purchasers obtain such licenses only at a Department of Fish and Game facility or through the mail. This concept has been discussed within the department on several occasions and, in fact, has been broadly advocated by spokesmen for several outdoor organizations. As I recall, some members of the Senate Resources Committee also brought up the idea during the recent hearing on SB 30.

In all of the discussions regarding this subject, I have never heard anyone suggest that Alaska not provide some monetary relief to genuinely low income citizens from the cost of hunting and fishing licenses. The Department of Fish and Game has always maintained that such relief is appropriate and most other states have similar laws in effect. In fact, the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies has adopted a policy statement suggesting that all member states, for the relief of the indigent, charge one-half the normal resident license fee.

I have enclosed for your review copies of a recent letter/memorandum to Commissioner Collinsworth and the brief summary report provided to ADF&G from the Department of Health and Social Services pertaining to a randomly selected list of 500 purchasers of the 25-cent license. On page 1 of that summary, please refer to zip codes: 99501, 99502, 99503, 99504, 99506, 99507, 99508. Note the large number of license purchasers that appear under the "number not matched" column. These are all metropolitan Anchorage zip codes. If there are abuses of the 25-cent program, it appears the abuses are appearing most often in urban areas. This is also the impression we are given from conversations with vendors.

As I pointed out to the members of the Senate Resources Committee, the present program is costing Alaska money. In addition, the department has come under increasing criticism from sportsmen across the state who are paying the full fee to hunt and fish, and who, while they have no quarrel with special consideration being given to genuinely indigent Alaskans object strongly to what they see as an abuse of a program initiated 30 years ago. Enforcement of this program is not so easy as it might first appear. In fact, it is possible that under some circumstances, enforcement personnel would have to request Internal Revenue Service records of a purchaser in an attempt to verify that the individual did in fact have a gross family income of less than \$5,600. Therefore, your suggestion that these licenses be purchased only through ADF&G offices or by mail has merit since that requirement alone might slow the fraudulent purchase of these licenses.

The only concern the department has had regarding such a proposal would be the costs incurred by our Licensing Section to administer and operate such a "specialty" license. At the minimum, we would estimate it would be necessary to add a Clerk III, at a total annual cost of \$25,884, plus postage, supplies, and office equipment. There is little doubt we could easily find that the Licensing Section was burdened with an additional \$50,000 per year in associated costs to administer such a program. To recover these costs and, at the same time, make a positive impact on the Fish and Game Fund, we would propose the following:

- * The special licenses sell for \$10.
- * Licenses would be sold only at ADF&G facilities in Anchorage, Fairbanks, Juneau, Ketchikan, Sitka, and Kodiak.
- * Vendors would be provided special prepaid mail-in applications which they would simply hand to anyone applying to them for the low income license. The purchaser would then be responsible for completing the application and dropping it in the mail.
- * Periodically, ADF&G would provide randomly selected lists of purchasers of the low income license to the Department of Public Safety, Division of Fish and Wildlife Protection, for their review.

I believe it is possible to provide monetary relief to those Alaskans who genuinely need help, while at the same time, protecting the interests of those Alaskan hunters and fishers who, through payment of full license fees, provide the necessary funding support to ADF&G for the management and protection of the resources used by all citizens of the state. It is my impression that the people of Alaska are convinced the present statute needs to be changed.

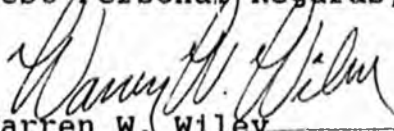
The Honorable
Dick Eliason

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March 6, 1989

If I can provide further assistance, please call.

Best Personal Regards,


Warren W. Wiley
Assistant Commissioner

Enclosures

cc: The Honorable Bettye Fahrenkamp
The Honorable Jay Kerttula
The Honorable Steve Frank
The Honorable Rick Halford
The Honorable Arliss Sturgulewski
The Honorable Fred Zharoff
Don W. Collinsworth
Norman A. Cohen

MEMORANDUM

State of Alaska

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

TO: Don W. Collinsworth
Commissioner

DATE: January 25, 1989

FILE NO.:

TELEPHONE NO.: 465-4100

SUBJECT: Twenty-five Cent
License Sales

FROM: Warren W. Wiley
Assistant Commissioner
Department of Fish and Game

As you know, we have received a great many inquiries regarding the sale of twenty-five cent hunting and fishing licenses. There seems to be a strong feeling that this program, which has been with us since statehood, is being abused. Sales of the twenty-five cent license have increased by more than 200 percent over a relatively short period of time. During the last legislative session there was some discussion aimed at eliminating this license. During the current legislative session Senator Fischer has introduced a bill which would do away with this license. I expect we will be called upon to testify. As you have noted, the "low income" license is not generally seen so much as a hunting license as it is a form of public assistance. It therefore should probably be discussed in the context of a social/welfare issue rather than a bona fide license to take fish or game resources.

Since ADF&G has assumed the responsibility for the sales of hunting, fishing, and trapping licenses the sale of the twenty-five cent licenses has brought to light an additional aspect of the program. At present, many vendors are paid a minimum of one dollar for each license they sell. Thus, vendors are regularly selling a license which returns to the department twenty-five cents but which costs us, at a minimum, one dollar to sell. Of course, this does not take into account the time involved for administrative processing for the sale of the twenty-five cent license. Therefore this program is directly impacting receipts to the Fish and Game Fund and to the General Fund. Some have suggested that if, indeed, this is a form of public assistance, some provisions should be considered which would reimburse the Fish and Game Fund for the lost revenue.

Since there seems to be so much concern that the twenty-five cent license program was being abused, I have tried to determine whether this is so. Obviously, that is not an easy task. With the cooperation of the Department of Health and Social Services (H&SS), I have endeavored to track the sale of licenses and tie those sales to individuals who have received some form of public assistance. The process was simple; I requested that our licensing section randomly select 500 names from our computerized records and submit that list to the

Department of Health and Social Services. I then asked H&SS Public Assistance employees to compare our list against their list of individuals who had received public assistance within the prior six months. In fact, they compared our license sales to those individuals who had received public assistance for the period January 1 through June 30, 1988. I did not ask for any comparison based upon individual names. I doubt H&SS would even consider such a request and it was not important to the issue that we make any attempt to do so. The results of the comparison indicate that of 500 twenty-five cent license purchasers, 273 names did not match H&SS's list of those Alaskans receiving any form of public assistance. Based on only this comparison it would appear that more than half of those who purchased twenty-five cent licenses between January 1 and June 30, 1988, did not qualify. I spoke with a representative of H&SS and asked what the possibilities were than an individual could be receiving some form of public assistance that would not appear on their records. I was told that was not likely.

Our most recent figures show that more than 17,000 of the twenty-five cent licenses are being sold annually. If the pattern indicated in our test sample were to hold consistent, that would mean more than 50 percent of that number could be going to people who do not qualify for the low income license. That is a substantial loss of revenue to the state and to the Fish and Game Fund. Aside from the loss of license sale receipts there is the additional loss created by costs associated with issuing the licenses.

If we were to assume that one-half of those now purchasing the twenty-five cent license would instead purchase a resident hunting/fishing license instead, an additional \$176.0 in revenue would accrue to the Fish and Game Fund. If the Legislature approves an increase in license fees for 1990 (to \$40.00) for the same combined license, the Fish and Game Fund would realize an additional \$320.0.

Since there has been so much discussion of the twenty-five cent license and, since several individuals and organizations became aware of my request to H&SS, I expect there will be some requests for this information. I further expect that Senator Fischer, and perhaps other Legislators, will ask to see our work.

cc: Norman A. Cohen
Division Directors

bcc: Ron Somerville
Ron McAlpin

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STATE OF ALASKA

DEPARTMENT OF LAW

CRIMINAL DIVISION

STEVE COWPER, GOVERNOR

REPLY TO:

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March 21, 1989

The Honorable John Binkley
Alaska State Senator
P.O. Box V
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Senator Binkley:

During the Senate Finance Committee hearing on SB 30, a bill relating to fees for fishing licenses, you expressed concern about the penalties provided for making false statements on license applications. The simplest way to provide misdemeanor penalties for false statements is to repeal and reenact AS 16.05.420 to read:

Sec. 16.05.420. Violations (a) A false statement in an application for license makes the license issued upon it void.

(b) A person who knowingly makes a false statement, or knowingly omits a material fact, in an application for license is guilty of unsworn falsification under AS 11.56.210.

(c) A person to whom a license or tag has been issued under this chapter may not alter, change, loan, or transfer the license or tag. A person may not use a license or tag that has been issued under this chapter to another person.

If you have any additional questions about this piece of legislation, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

DOUGLAS B. BAILY
ATTORNEY GENERAL

By: 

Laurie H. Otto
Assistant Attorney General

cc: Warren Wiley
Bob Evans

Senator Paul Fischer
March 31, 1989
REVISED

PROPOSED SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

LETTER OF INTENT

FOR

CS FOR SENATE BILL 30 ()

With the passage of CS Senate Bill 30 (), changing the fee for the sportsfishing/hunting/trapping license available to low-income residents, it is the intent of the Legislature to direct the Department of Fish and Game to decrease the number of people who obtain the low-income licenses fraudulently with the following:

- * use of a separate form for low-income application which clearly spells out the qualifications for a low-income license; the penalties for both falsification of information on the application and the use of a license that is obtained fraudulently; and a notice to all applicants that they may be called upon to supply proof of eligibility at any time.
- * increased education of licensing vendors on the eligibility requirements and penalties for low-income licenses.
- * increase enforcement efforts by the Department's licensing section, including biannual cross-check with the Department of Health and Social Services public assistance records. The names of those who have indicated their eligibility for the low-income license because of their receipt of public assistance but do not appear on public assistance records will be immediately sent to the Department of Public Safety for prosecution.
- * The Department of Fish and Game and the Department of Public Safety shall report back to the Legislature by January 31, 1991 on the results of these efforts.

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ALASKA OUTDOOR COUNCIL, INC.

3780 McGINNIS DR. JUNEAU, AK 99801
(907) 789-3450



March 6, 1989

Senator Paul Fischer
Alaska State Legislature
P.O. Box V
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Senator Fischer:

This is to advise you that the Alaska Outdoor Council is again officially supporting SB 30 which would repeal the present 25 cent license.

Our Board of Directors met recently and established the AOC position. The Board also advised that they are most concerned that major changes be made to the 25 cent license system before any support is given to increasing sport license fees. Recent exposure of the 25 cent license fee abuses requires legislative corrective actions.

We appreciate your interest in this worthwhile endeavor and pledge to give you our full support in gaining passage of some legislation correcting this situation.

Sincerely,

Ron Somerville
Executive Director

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Utermohle
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Original sponsor: Fischer

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IN THE SENATE

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 30 ()

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

A BILL

For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the resident hunting, trapping, and sport fishing license for low income or indigent persons and to applications for certain fish and game licenses, tags, and permits."

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

* Section 1. AS 16.05.340(a)(6) is amended to read:

(6) Resident hunting, trapping, and sport fishing license..... 32

however, the fee is \$5 [25 CENTS] for an applicant who is the head of a family or a dependent member of that family, or who is solely self-supporting, upon proof presented by the applicant that the applicant

(A) is obtaining or has obtained assistance during the preceding six months under any state or federal welfare program to aid the indigent, or

(B) has an annual family gross income of less than \$8,200 [\$5,600] for the year preceding application.

* Sec. 2. AS 16.05.340(a)(17)(A) is amended to read:

(A) A person may not engage in waterfowl hunting without having the current year's waterfowl tag in the person's actual possession, unless that person

(i) qualifies for a \$5 - [25 CENT] license fee under (6) of this subsection [AS 16.05.340(a)(6)];

(ii) is a resident under the age of 16;

(iii) is 60 years of age or older and has been a

1 resident for at least one year;

2 (iv) is a disabled veteran eligible for a free
3 license under AS 16.05.341.

4 * Sec. 3. AS 16.05.340(c) is amended to read:

5 (c) The commissioner may issue a duplicate license or a dupli-
6 cate tag as a replacement for a license or tag issued under (a) of
7 this section. A fee of \$2 shall be charged for each duplicate license
8 or tag and the duplicate may [SHALL] not be issued unless the commis-
9 sioner or a delegate is satisfied that the original has been lost or
10 destroyed. [THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A 25-CENT LICENSE
11 ISSUED UNDER (a)(6) OF THIS SECTION.]

12 * Sec. 4. AS 16.05.420 is repealed and reenacted to read:

13 Sec. 16.05.420. LICENSE, TAG, AND PERMIT VIOLATIONS. (a) A
14 false statement of a material fact in an application for a license,
15 tag, or permit issued under AS 16.05.330 - 16.05.430 voids the li-
16 cense, tag, or permit for which the application is made.

17 (b) A person who knowingly makes a false statement, or knowingly
18 omits a material fact, in an application for a license, tag, or permit
19 issued under AS 16.05.330 - 16.05.430 is guilty of unsworn falsifica-
20 tion under AS 11.56.210.

21 (c) A person to whom a license or tag has been issued under this
22 chapter may not alter, change, loan, or transfer the license or tag.
23 A person may not use a license or tag that has been issued under this
24 chapter to another person.

25 * Sec. 5. AS 16.05.430(a) is amended to read:

26 (a) Except as provided in AS 16.05.420(b), a [A] person who
27 violates AS 16.05.330 - 16.05.420 or a regulation adopted under
28 AS 16.05.330 - 16.05.420 is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon convic-
29 tion is punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,000, or by

1 imprisonment for not more than six months, or by both.

2 * Sec. 6. AS 16.05.660 is amended to read:

3 Sec. 16.05.660. LICENSE EXEMPTION. A person may, by complying
4 with the \$5 [25-CENT] license requirement of AS 16.05.340(a)(6), take
5 not more than 2,000 pounds each of tom cod, blue cod, smelt, pickerel,
6 white fish, and spider crab a year from waters of the state.
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