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1 IN THE HOUSE

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HOUSE BILL NO. 284

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act designating the bowhead whale as the state
7 marine mammal."

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

9 * Section 1. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. By recognizing the bowhead whale as
10 the state marine mammal, the legislature intends to give recognition [not
11 only] to the grace, strength, and beauty of this inhabitant of the arctic
12 [but also to the respectful hunting practices of the residents of the north
13 coast of Alaska, whose wise use of the bowhead whale for generations is an
14 example of conservation for all Alaskans.]

15 * Sec. 2. AS 44.09 is amended by adding a new section to read:

16 ~~Sec. 4-09-120,~~ STATE MARINE MAMMAL. The bowhead whale is the
17 state marine mammal.

change to 44.09.015

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"An Act designating the bowhead whale as the state marine mammal"

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Line 16 - Delete Sec. 44.09.120 (comes after State mineral)
Add: Sec. 44.09.075 (comes after State tree and before State fish)

Also:

Ask Guy Oliver about harvesting practices regarding line 12 and line 13

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§ 44.09.045

STATE GOVERNMENT

§ 44.09.110

Alaska's flag. May it mean to you
 The blue of the sea, the evening sky,
 The mountain lakes, and the flow'rs nearby;
 The gold of the early sourdough's dreams,
 The precious gold of the hills and streams;
 The brilliant stars in the northern sky,
 The "Bear" — the "Dipper" — and, shining high,
 The great North Star with its steady light,
 Over land and sea a beacon bright. .
 Alaska's flag — to Alaskans dear,
 The simple flag of a last frontier.

(§ 1 ch 6 SLA 1955)

Sec. 44.09.045. State motto. The official motto of the State of Alaska is: North to the Future. (§ 1 ch 36 SLA 1967)

Sec. 44.09.050. State flower. The wild native forget-me-not is the state flower and floral emblem. (§ 1-1-5 ACLA 1949)

Sec. 44.09.060. State bird. The Alaska Willow Ptarmigan (*Lagopus lagopus alascensis* Swarth) is the official bird of the state. (§ 1 ch 1 SLA 1955)

Sec. 44.09.070. State tree. The Sitka spruce (*picea sitchensis*), which is recognized as the most valuable tree species in Alaska and which is found in both national forests of the state, is the official tree of the state. (§ 1 ch 12 SLA 1962)

Add:

Sec. 44.09.075

Sec. 44.09.080. State fish. The king salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) is the official fish of the state. (§ 1 ch 20 SLA 1963)

Sec. 44.09.085. State sport. Dog mushing is the official sport of Alaska. (§ 1 ch 38 SLA 1972)

Sec. 44.09.090. State medal for heroism. (a) The governor is authorized to award a state medal for heroism directly or posthumously to any citizen of the state in recognition of a valorous and heroic deed performed by him in the saving of a life or for injury or death or threat of injury or death incurred by him in the service of the state or his community or on behalf of the health, welfare or safety of other persons. The medal shall be awarded by the governor with an appropriate ceremony.

(b) The governor shall make arrangements for the designing of the medal for heroism through a statewide design competition participated in by the school children of the state. (§ 1 ch 12 SLA 1965)

Sec. 44.09.100. State gem. Jade is the official state gem. (§ 1 ch 51 SLA 1968)

Sec. 44.09.110. State mineral. Gold is the official state mineral. (§ 1 ch 50 SLA 1968)

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