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## MEMORANDUM

January 20, 1997

**SUBJECT:** Sectional Summary of SB 22: An Act relating to qualifications for appointment to the Board of Game. (SB 22)

**TO:** Senator Lyda Green

**FROM:** George Utermohle  
Legislative Counsel

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You have requested a sectional summary

As a preliminary matter, note that a sectional summary of a bill is not an authoritative interpretation of the bill. The bill itself is the best statement of its contents.

Section 1 of the bill amends AS 16.05.221(b) to provide that persons appointed to the Board of Game must have held a resident hunting license, trapping license, or permanent identification card during each of the five years preceding the person's appointment to the board. A resident who is exempt from the requirement for a hunting license or trapping license under AS 16.05.400(b), because the person is older than 60 years of age, may continue to hunt and trap if the person has obtained a permanent identification card from the commissioner of fish and game.

Section 2 of the bill provides that the requirement for a resident hunting license, trapping license, or identification card applies to persons appointed to the Board of Game after the effective date of this Act.

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### **SB 22 - Board of Game Qualifications Senator Bert Sharp**

This Bill amends the required qualifications for persons that may be appointed as a member of the Board of Game by adding the requirement that the applicant 'must have held an Alaska hunting or trapping license or a permanent ID card (over 60) during each of the five years immediately preceding the appointment to the board.

This added requirement would provide improved assurance of interest fostered by past involvement in legal utilization of the game resource and understanding of the dynamics of arctic game resource management.

Several states have this "licensed" qualification required for appointment to their state wildlife boards.

Many believe this will markedly improve the dedication and commitment of future game board members and encourages stronger actions to improve the policies affecting users of the resource.

Thank you.

\*\*\*see suggested amendment--delete <a resident> on line 11, page 1 and replace with 'an Alaskan'.

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*the is a copy of the bill*  
*True!*

*Thanks*  
*William Folsom*

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