

HB

63

22-GH1070C
Utermohle
3/7/01

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 63(RES)

**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION**

BY THE HOUSE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

**Offered:
Referred:**

Sponsor(s): HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to electronic application for and issuance of licenses, permits, and tags**
2 **issued by the Department of Fish and Game; relating to violations regarding a license,**
3 **permit, or tag applied for or issued electronically; and providing for an effective date."**

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

5 *** Section 1.** AS 16.05.340 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

6 (h) Notwithstanding (a) - (g) of this section, the commissioner may increase
7 the fees set out in this section by not more than \$3 to pay the fees and compensation
8 that are due under AS 16.05.390(h) to an agent who contracts under AS 16.05.380(b)
9 to provide services for the acceptance and processing of applications for and the
10 issuance of licenses, permits, or tags described in this section in electronic format.

11 *** Sec. 2.** AS 16.05.360 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

12 (c) Notwithstanding (a) of this section, the commissioner may establish a
13 system for accepting and processing applications for and issuing licenses, permits, or
14 tags in electronic format if

1 (1) before issuing licenses, permits, or tags in electronic format, the
2 commissioner

3 (A) obtains the concurrence of the commissioner of public
4 safety; and

5 (B) determines that issuance in electronic format is in the
6 state's best interest;

7 (2) the system requires

8 (A) the submission of the information required by the
9 commissioner under (a) of this section;

10 (B) that the applicant have a current and valid identification
11 card at the time of application and during the use of the license, permit, or tag
12 and provide in the application information regarding the identification card; for
13 purposes of this subparagraph, an identification card must bear the photograph
14 of the applicant to be valid;

15 (C) the agreement of the applicant to

16 (i) allow the commissioner or the commissioner's agent
17 to verify the information supplied on the application; and

18 (ii) carry an identification card as described in (B) of
19 this paragraph when the license, permit, or tag is being used and to
20 produce the card and any paper license, permit, or tag issued if
21 requested by a peace officer or by another person authorized by the
22 commissioner;

23 (D) that, if a paper license, permit, or tag is issued, the license,
24 permit, or tag be signed by the holder in order for the license, permit, or tag to
25 be valid;

26 (E) a notice on the application, and on the paper license,
27 permit, or tag if issued, that the provisions and penalties of AS 11.56.210 and
28 AS 16.05.420 apply to a false statement or material omission in the application
29 or on the paper license, permit, or tag if issued.

30 (d) The commissioner of fish and game and the Department of Public Safety
31 may adopt regulations to interpret or implement their respective duties in this section.

1 (e) In this section,

2 (1) "electronic" includes transmissions through the Internet, electronic
3 mail, a toll-free telephone number, or other means using telephone lines or
4 communications between electronic computing devices;

5 (2) "identification card" means a card issued by a state or federal
6 agency or other organization designated by the Department of Public Safety for the
7 purposes of identifying the holder of the card.

8 * **Sec. 3.** AS 16.05.380 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

9 (b) In accordance with AS 36.30, the commissioner may enter into a contract
10 to provide for the acceptance and processing of applications for and the issuance of
11 licenses, permits, and tags in electronic format under AS 16.05.360.

12 * **Sec. 4.** AS 16.05.390 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

13 (h) Notwithstanding (a) - (g) of this section, an agent who contracts with the
14 commissioner under AS 16.05.380(b) to accept applications and to issue licenses,
15 permits, and tags in electronic format and to collect related fees on behalf of the
16 department is entitled to only the fees and compensation set by the contract. The
17 terms of payment, transmittals, reports, and other matters regarding the agent shall be
18 established by the contract.

19 * **Sec. 5.** AS 16.05.420 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

20 (d) For purposes of this section, "application" includes statements or other
21 recorded information transmitted by an applicant in order to apply electronically for a
22 license, permit, or tag under AS 16.05.360.

23 (e) If requested by a peace officer or other person authorized by the
24 commissioner, a person who states that a license, permit, or tag was issued in
25 electronic format under AS 16.05.360 shall

26 (1) immediately produce a current and valid identification card as
27 required by AS 16.05.360; and

28 (2) provide complete and correct information to the officer or other
29 person about the status and validity of the license, permit, or tag that was issued in
30 electronic format.

31 * **Sec. 6.** AS 16.05.420(e), added by sec. 5 of this Act, takes effect on the date of the

1 determination by the commissioner of fish and game under AS 16.05.360(c)(1)(B), added by
2 sec. 2 of this Act, that issuance of certain licenses, permits, and tags in electronic format is in
3 the state's best interest. The commissioner of fish and game shall notify the revisor of statutes
4 and the lieutenant governor of the date of the determination.

*large
2029
Fox*
*- also is
same to
lunch.
Rpt. x
over
with,*

HOUSE BILL NO. 63

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

Introduced: 1/16/01

Referred: House Special Committee on Fisheries, Resources, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to electronic application for and issuance of licenses, permits, and tags**
2 **issued by the Department of Fish and Game; relating to violations regarding a license,**
3 **permit, or tag applied for or issued electronically; and providing for an effective date."**

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

5 *** Section 1.** AS 16.05.340 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

6 (h) Notwithstanding (a) - (g) of this section, the commissioner may increase
7 the fees set out in this section by not more than \$3 to cover any additional costs to the
8 department of contracting for the services to provide the application for and issuing of
9 licenses, permits, or tags described in this section in electronic format.

10 *** Sec. 2.** AS 16.05.360 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

11 (c) Notwithstanding (a) of this section, the commissioner may establish a
12 system for accepting and processing applications for and issuing licenses, permits, or
13 tags in electronic format if

14 (1) before issuing licenses, permits, or tags in electronic format, the

*Clarify that
Dept of accept
for Resources*

1 commissioner

2 (A) obtains the concurrence of the commissioner of public
3 safety; and

4 (B) determines that issuance in electronic format is in the
5 state's best interest;

6 (2) the system requires

7 (A) the submission of the information required by the
8 commissioner under (a) of this section;

9 (B) that the applicant have a current and valid identification
10 card at the time of application and during the use of the license, permit, or tag
11 and provide in the application information regarding the identification card; for
12 purposes of this subparagraph, an identification card must bear the photograph
13 of the applicant to be valid;

14 (C) the agreement of the applicant to

15 (i) allow the commissioner or the commissioner's agent
16 to verify the information supplied on the application; and

17 (ii) carry an identification card as described in (B) of
18 this paragraph when the license, permit, or tag is being used and to
19 produce the card and any paper license, permit, or tag issued if
20 requested by a peace officer or by another person authorized by the
21 commissioner;

22 (D) that, if a paper license, permit, or tag is issued, the license,
23 permit, or tag be signed by the holder in order for the license, permit, or tag to
24 be valid;

25 (E) a notice on the application, and on the paper license,
26 permit, or tag if issued, that the provisions and penalties of AS 11.56.210 and
27 AS 16.05.420 apply to a false statement or material omission in the application
28 or on the paper license, permit, or tag if issued.

29 (d) The commissioner of fish and game and the Department of Public Safety
30 may adopt regulations to interpret or implement their respective duties in this section.

31 (e) In this section,

1 (1) "electronic" includes transmissions through the Internet, electronic
2 mail, a toll-free telephone number, or other means using telephone lines or
3 communications between electronic computing devices;

4 (2) "identification card" means a card issued by a state or federal
5 agency or other organization designated by the Department of Public Safety for the
6 purposes of identifying the holder of the card.

7 * **Sec. 3.** AS 16.05.380 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

8 (b) In accordance with AS 36.30, the commissioner may enter into a contract
9 to provide for the acceptance and processing of applications for and the issuance of
10 licenses, permits, and tags in electronic format under AS 16.05.360.

11 * **Sec. 4.** AS 16.05.390 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

12 (h) Notwithstanding (a) - (g) of this section, an agent selected by contract with
13 the commissioner under AS 16.05.380(b) to accept applications and to issue licenses,
14 permits, and tags in electronic format and to collect related fees on behalf of the
15 department is entitled to only the fees and compensation set by the contract. The
16 terms of payment, transmittals, reports, and other matters regarding the agent shall be
17 established by the contract.

18 * **Sec. 5.** AS 16.05.420 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

19 (d) For purposes of this section, "application" includes statements or other
20 recorded information transmitted by an applicant in order to apply electronically for a
21 license, permit, or tag under AS 16.05.360.

22 (e) If requested by a peace officer or other person authorized by the
23 commissioner, a person who states that a license, permit, or tag was issued in
24 electronic format under AS 16.05.360 shall

25 (1) immediately produce a current and valid identification card as
26 required by AS 16.05.360; and

27 (2) provide complete and correct information to the officer or other
28 person about the status and validity of the license, permit, or tag that was issued in
29 electronic format.

30 * **Sec. 6.** AS 16.05.420(e), enacted by sec. 5 of this Act, takes effect on the date of the
31 determination by the commissioner of fish and game under AS 16.05.360(c)(1)(B), enacted by

1 sec. 2 of this Act, that issuance of certain licenses, permits, and tags in electronic format is in
2 the state's best interest. The commissioner of fish and game shall notify the revisor of statutes
3 and the lieutenant governor of the date of the determination.

House Bill 63

Electronic Fish and Game Licensure

Sectional Analysis

HB-63 would allow vendors to sell Hunting and Fishing Licenses electronically. The Alaska Department of Fish and Game initiated an electronic format for the purchase of Hunting and Fishing Licenses in October 1999. The Department reports in item 3 of Section 69 of SB-281 PERFORMANCE MEASURES that during the first full year of this program it sold 8,414 licenses, tags and stamps, out of a total of 713,000 items sold, generating 3.2% of the Department's revenue. And that "With over 1,500 license vendors around the state, our Internet site quickly became the single largest 'store' (in terms of revenue) in only its first year of operation. The site has been well received by the public, and 2001 sales are expected to increase."

Section 1 of this bill would allow the Commissioner to charge up to \$3 in addition to the department's license fee to cover the cost of contracting with the vendor.

Section 2 allows the Commissioner to establish a system for this process.

Section 3 allows for the issuance of a license or tag to be made electronically. The Department currently accepts applications electronically, but issues licenses and tags through the mail. Several people who have obtained their licenses and tags this way report that they have only had to wait 2-3 days.

Section 4 ensures that the vendor may not collect fees greater than the cost incurred for their preparation for electronic sale.

Section 5 requires the licensee to produce valid identification if asked to do so by a peace officer or other person authorized by the Commissioner.

Section 6 allows the Commissioner to determine an effective date for the initiation of this process.

The Department is currently utilizing an electronic format for application of licensure that has generated public interest and revenue. Vendors are currently equipped to issue same day licenses in hard copy

Bill History/Action Display



BILL: HB 63

SHORT TITLE: ELECTRONIC FISH & GAME
LICENSURE

BILL VERSION:

SPONSOR(S): RLS BY REQUEST OF THE
GOVERNOR

CURRENT STATUS: (H) RES

STATUS DATE: 02/14/01

THEN FIN

HEARING: (H) RES Feb 21 1:00 PM CAPITOL 124

TITLE: "An Act relating to electronic application for and issuance of licenses, permits, and tags issued by the Department of Fish and Game; relating to violations regarding a license, permit, or tag applied for or issued electronically; and providing for an effective date."

[Full Text](#)

[Fiscal Notes](#)

Committee Action with Bill History

Jrn-Date	Jrn-Page	Action
01/16/01	0096	(H) READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS
01/16/01	0096	(H) FSH, RES, FIN
01/16/01	0096	(H) FN 1: ZERO(DFG)
01/16/01	0096	(H) GOVERNOR'S TRANSMITTAL LETTER
02/14/01	0314	(H) FSH RPT 3DP 1NR
02/14/01	0314	(H) DP: COGHILL, SCALZI, WILSON; NR: DYSON
02/14/01	0314	(H) FN1: ZERO(DFG)
02/14/01	0314	(H) REFERRED TO RESOURCES

[Similar Subject Match](#) or [Exact Subject Match](#)

[DATA PROCESSING](#)
[FISH & GAME \(BOTH\)](#)
[LICENSING](#)

Bill Root:

Display Bill Root

**BASIS HAS BEEN RE-PROGRAMMED THIS YEAR
TO REPORT PROBLEMS WITH BASIS INQUIRY**

[Return to Basis Main Menu \(22 Legislature\)](#)

[Return to Legislature Home Page](#)

TONY KNOWLES
GOVERNOR
governor.a.gov.state.ak.us

STATE OF ALASKA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
JUNEAU

P.O. Box 110001
Juneau, Alaska 99811-0001
(907) 465-3500
Fax (907) 465-3532
www.gov.state.ak.us

January 12, 2001

The Honorable Brian Porter
Speaker of the House
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Speaker Porter:


Since the beginning of my Administration, state agencies have increasingly moved into the high technology age. It is now common for agencies to use electronic means to interact with the public, whether it be to renew a driver's license, check the status of a permanent fund dividend application, or offer up-to-the-minute election results.

The bill I transmit today is yet another effort by the state to make it easier for the public to conduct business with state government through electronic media. Building upon the Internet application process currently in place for applying for a fishing or hunting license, it will lay the groundwork for the state to eventually issue paperless licenses.

A process allowing fishers and hunters to apply for and receive licenses, permits, or tags electronically should reduce paperwork for the public and the state while building a better, more efficient system for license management. This expedited process will improve fish and wildlife law enforcement efforts by making the online license data file available immediately.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,


Tony Knowles
Governor

HB 63





Alaska Department of
Fish and Game

Online Licensing and Drawing Permits

Welcome to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game's website. Please review the following instructions before purchasing your license/tag/stamp or applying for a permit online.

Best if viewed with Netscape or Internet Explorer 4.0 or above.

1 Please have the following information available:

- Valid  or  credit card and expiration date
- Valid mailing address
- Social Security Number In compliance with Federal Welfare Reform Act and AS 16.05.330(e) and AS 09.50.020(b)

2 Complete the online application.

3 If you are purchasing a license or tag:

- Allow 2 weeks for delivery
- Note: You cannot hunt, fish, or trap without a valid license in your possession.

Updated Information:

Please consult ADF&G [fishing regulations](#) and [hunting regulations](#) for information about big game tags, bag limits, closures, registrations permits, harvest tickets, guide requirements, and other information concerning the taking of game in Alaska.

Attention Permit Applicants

The online winter application period for drawing permits was November 1, 2000 through December 6, 2000. Applicants can find information concerning drawing permit results at the [Wildlife Conservation Information Management](#) home page.

[Click here to purchase online](#)

- [Winter Drawing Permit Information](#)
- [Licensing Frequently Asked Questions](#)

- [License Purchase Instructions](#)
- [General Licensing Information](#)
- [Hunting and Fishing License Prices](#)
- [Tag Prices](#)
- [Commercial Crewmember License Prices](#)

Any questions, problems, comments, or suggestions please [email us](#).

All information provided online, or through a vendor, **except** Social Security Number and credit card information is subject to public disclosure.



maintained by: licenseweb@fishgame.state.ak.us

[Copyright ©1996 -2000 Alaska Department of Fish and Game. All Rights Reserved.](#)

Last Revised August 21, 2000

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2001 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: 1
 Bill Version: HB 63
 (H) Publish Date: 1/16/01

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____ Dept. Affected: Fish and Game
 Title: Fish and Game electronic licensing BRU: Administration and Support
 Component: Administrative Services
 Sponsor: Rules Committee
 Requester: Governor Component Number: 479

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
-----------------------------	--	--	--	--	--	--

CHANGE IN REVENUES ()						
-------------------------------	--	--	--	--	--	--

FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

FUND SOURCE	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type)						
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2001) cost: 0.0

POSITIONS

POSITIONS	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This bill provides for the electronic issuance of hunting and fishing licenses, tags and permits. This process is intended to be a convenience to the public and will complement the current paper system that will continue to be offered and account for the vast majority of sales. The state currently sells over 700,000 pieces of licensing stock annually, generating over \$20 million in revenue, and pays out approximately \$2 million in vendor compensation.

Any licenses sold by the state as a license vendor will result in the foregone vendor compensation remaining in the Fish and Game fund pending appropriation by the Legislature through the normal budget process. Any fees assessed by a vendor for providing electronic licenses are anticipated to be less than the amount currently paid out as vendor compensation. In the event that an electronic vendor, through a competitive solicitation process, charges more than the current allowance for vendor compensation, the bill allows for a fee of not more than \$3 to be assessed by the vendor.

Prepared by: Kevin Brooks Phone 465-5999
 Division: Administration Date/Time Jan. 5, 2001
 Approved by: Gordy Williams for Commissioner Frank Rue Date Jan. 5, 2001
 Agency: Department of Fish and Game

For distribution information, call the Governor's Legislative Office