

**SB**

**147**

# ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE



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### Senate Bill 147 Sponsor Statement

"An Act relating to control of nuisance wild animals; and providing for an effective date."

This legislation will provide authority to the Alaska Board of Game to adopt regulations to allow issuance of permits and licenses to sanctioned designees to control nuisance wild birds and nuisance wild small mammals. Currently, there is no statutory authority for nuisance wildlife control and the means by which ADF&G can sell a license or issue a permit.

This legislation would allow licenses for commercial exterminators and permits for homeowners, corporations, agricultural enterprises, state agencies and other entities that are beleaguered by nuisance wildlife.

Some examples of species which may fall under the category of nuisance wild animals are: beaver, porcupine, marmot, weasel, mink, muskrat, coyote, fox, marten, squirrel, woodchuck, otter, lynx, pigeon, woodpeckers, gray jay, ravens, crows, bats, magpie, sea gulls, Canadian geese and snow geese. However, an effective date of July 2004 has been placed on this legislation to allow ample time for regulations to be written by the Department of Fish and Game.

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### MEMO

DATE: 5/05/2003

To: House Resources Committee  
Representative Hugh Fate  
Attn: Jim Pound

From: Senator Lyda Green  
Jacqueline F Tupou

RE: Scheduling for Senate Bills 147  
"Nuisance Wild Animals"

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lyda Green".

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I am requesting Senate Bills 147 be heard in House Resources Committee at your earliest convenience. I have attached copies of the bill, fiscal note, and sponsor statement. Thank you in advance for your time and effort in this matter.

If you have any questions or need additional information please call Jacqueline x3775.

# FISCAL NOTE

**STATE OF ALASKA**  
**2003 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

Fiscal Note Number: 1  
 Bill Version: SB 147  
 (S) Publish Date: 4/17/03

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. Affected: Fish and Game  
 Title Control of Nuisance Wild Animals BRU Wildlife Conservation  
 Component Wildlife Conservation  
 Sponsor Senator Green  
 Requester Senate Resources Component No. 473

**Expenditures/Revenues** (Thousands of Dollars)

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

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>						
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<b>CHANGE IN REVENUES ( 1024 )</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.4</b>
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**FUND SOURCE** (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type--Do not abbreviate)						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY2003) cost: 0.0

Mark this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2004 budget proposal:

**POSITIONS**

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

**ANALYSIS:** (Attach a separate page if necessary)

The cost of modifying license forms, the increased burden of administration, and anticipated revenue generated by this legislation are all expected to be insignificant. Depending on how this legislation is implemented by the Board of Game, some staff time is likely to be required to review and/or monitor activities of licensees, but this is expected to be minor.

It is difficult to project the number of persons who would annually obtain the \$100 nuisance wild animal control license.

Prepared by: Ryan Scott, Wildlife Biologist Phone 465-6197  
 Division Wildlife Conservation Date/Time 4/14/03 3:39 PM  
 Approved by: Kevin C. Duffy, Commissioner Date 4/14/2003  
 Agency Alaska Department of Fish and Game

**Robert Doran**  
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May 9, 2003

House Resource Committee  
Juneau, AK

To Whom It May Concern:

The following is a testimony of my support for Senate Bill 147.

Southcentral Alaska is growing like never before. We are seeing more and more residential and commercial developments constructed very near to prime wildlife habitat. Despite this change in habitat, many species of birds and animals continue using these developed areas for protection and foraging. These factors, along with little or no hunting or trapping pressure, create the potential for confrontations to arise between people and wildlife. Even if the location allowed for regular hunting or trapping, many of these problems occur when the regular season for several species of animals is closed. A provision in Alaska state law allowing a licensed individual specializing in the control of problem wildlife to capture and remove the nuisance animal(s) out of the regular season would alleviate this problem. If properly regulated, many people in the public service industry would benefit.

Based upon conversations with state, borough and municipal agencies, including the Alaska Department of Fish and Game and Anchorage and Mat-Su Animal Control Shelters, I have found that these agencies often do not have the personnel, resources or time to adequately deal with these conflicts. Being able to refer problem wildlife calls to a licensed Nuisance Wildlife Control Operator (NWCO) would relieve these and other agencies from this responsibility. Local agencies could also benefit by gathering data from NWCO's to evaluate urban impact on local wildlife populations and their surrounding habitat. Evidence of these kinds of benefits can be seen in the 48 contiguous states where animal damage control companies are working in cooperation with their local game departments and offering a very valuable service to the public.

This is the time for this bill to be made into law. The public benefits as well as state, borough, city and federal agencies. ADFG would have more time to focus on biological research for our fish and wildlife. State and local law enforcement could concentrate on keeping our communities safe. Animal control would be able to keep their efforts centered on issues pertaining to domestic animals. Fish and Wildlife Protection would have more time to patrol our backcountry forests and rivers.

Yes, this is Alaska, The Last Frontier. But let's not be last in offering our residents this much needed public service, a service in which the need for it will only continue to grow.

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Thank you for devoting your time and energy to considering this bill and for serving the people of Alaska.

Sincerely,



Robert Doran