

SB

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Senate Bill 48 Sponsor Statement

"Come Home to Hunt or Fish"

SB 48 would encourage and make it possible for former Alaskans to "come home to hunt or fish" with parents, siblings, and family members. This would promote the reconnection of Alaska family values and traditions by encouraging family members to return to Alaska during hunting or fishing seasons. Qualifying applicants would be able to obtain hunting and fishing licenses at resident rates.

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Senate Bill 48
Come Home to Hunt or Fish
SECTIONAL ANALYSIS

Section 1: AS 16.05.403 relating to special licenses and permits is amended to allow former Alaskan residents to apply for hunting or fishing licenses at resident rates if certain conditions are met. The conditions include (1) citizen of the United States, (2) having held the corresponding resident license in the past; (3) paying the resident fee; (4) being sponsored by a current Alaska family member and resident; and (5) being personally accompanied by the family member. A person who makes false statements in an application is guilty of perjury.

Section 2: The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by granting the Alaska Department of Fish and Game regulatory authority to implement the bill's provisions.

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SENATOR BERT K. STEDMAN

To: Senator Cathy Giessel
Chair, Senate Resources Committee

Date: March 19, 2015

From: Senator Bert Stedman 

Re: Hearing Request for SB 48

Please consider this hearing request for SB 48 (Former Resident Hunting License). The bill would encourage and make it possible for former Alaskans to "come home to hunt or fish" with parents, siblings, and family members. The idea is to promote the reconnection of Alaska family values and traditions by encouraging family members to return to Alaska during hunting or fishing seasons. Qualifying applicants would be able to obtain hunting and fishing licenses at resident rates.

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Fiscal Note

State of Alaska
2015 Legislative Session

Bill Version: SB 48
Fiscal Note Number: _____
() Publish Date: _____

Identifier: SB048-DFG-DAS-03-20-15
Title: FORMER RESIDENT HUNTING LICENSE
Sponsor: STEDMAN
Requester: Senate Resources Committee

Department: Department of Fish and Game
Appropriation: Administration and Support
Allocation: Administrative Services
OMB Component Number: 479

Expenditures/Revenues

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below. (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2016 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2016 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates					
			FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
OPERATING EXPENDITURES								
Personal Services	37.1		37.1	37.1	37.1	37.1	37.1	37.1
Travel								
Services	3.0		3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
Commodities								
Capital Outlay								
Grants & Benefits								
Miscellaneous								
Total Operating	40.1	0.0	40.1	40.1	40.1	40.1	40.1	40.1

Fund Source (Operating Only)

1007 I/A Rcpts	40.1		40.1	40.1	40.1	40.1	40.1
Total	40.1	0.0	40.1	40.1	40.1	40.1	40.1

Positions

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

Change in Revenues	(462.4)		(462.4)	(462.4)	(462.4)	(462.4)	(462.4)
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Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2015) cost: 0.0 *(separate supplemental appropriation required)*
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2016) cost: 0.0 *(separate capital appropriation required)*
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? No
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version:

Initial fiscal note.

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Date: 03/21/15

FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

STATE OF ALASKA
2015 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. SB 48

Analysis

Senate Bill 48 establishes a new 'come home to hunt or fish' license that allows qualifying nonresidents who were former Alaska residents to fish and/or hunt at a resident license rate and to purchase one big game tag at the resident rate. The bill sets a limit of 1,000 licenses for sport fishing and 1,000 licenses for hunting.

This analysis assumes that the new license would fall into the special license category that requires the Department of Fish and Game to print and mail the license, as opposed to the current capability of residents printing their license at home when purchased online. In addition to having a negative impact to the department's license revenue, this bill would add additional administrative oversight to validate an applicant's qualification and to issue the special licenses and additional resident tags.

Revenue Detail

(1,000) Nonresident Fishing License @ \$145	(\$145.0)
(1,000) Nonresident Hunting License @ \$85	(\$ 85.0)
1,000 Resident Fishing License @ \$24	\$ 24.0
<u>1,000 Resident Hunting License @ \$25</u>	<u>\$ 25.0</u>
SubTotal	(\$181.0)
(1,000) Nonresident tags (based on five year average of tags issued to nonresidents)	(\$281.4)
Total	(\$462.4)

Expense Detail

Personal Services	\$ 37.1
<u>Services</u>	<u>\$ 3.0</u>
Total	\$ 40.1

Personal services includes additional data entry time to verify applicant's qualification and to issue and mail tags.

Services includes the actual cost to print and mail 2,000 special licenses.