



# Alaska State Legislature

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## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 5

Relating to regulations of the Guide Licensing and Control Board.

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### BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:

WHEREAS guiding, unlike other commercial enterprises, utilizes game resources which by constitutional mandate belong to all citizens of the state; and

WHEREAS a guide program should primarily serve the public interest as a conservation measure and only secondarily provide service to nonresident hunters; and

WHEREAS current regulations requiring guide accompaniment only while hunting two especially prized and vulnerable trophy species, bear (grizzly and polar) and sheep, support this philosophy; and

WHEREAS the activities of a few unscrupulous licensed guides have reflected adversely upon the entire industry; and

WHEREAS guide license issuance, denial, and revocation is too often influenced by undue concern for the applicant's means of livelihood rather than concern for the public interest and it must be realized that guide licenses are a privilege to do business rather than a right; and

WHEREAS the Guide Licensing and Control Board should have and exercise powers sufficiently broad to summarily discipline an individual who in its considered opinion abuses the privilege of guiding in such manner as to have an adverse impact upon the resource itself or the state:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate that the Guide Licensing and Control Board is requested to promulgate regulations instituting stricter controls on guiding activities that are resulting in an adverse impact to the resources involved, and summary disciplinary procedures within the limits of its statutory authority and due process of law, including but not limited to, (1) revocation of a guide license after conviction for three or more violations of state or federal fish and game laws; and (2) a procedure for mandatory hearings when, in the discretion of the board, credible complaints of a serious enough nature are received from clients as to guides with whom they have contracted who are licensed in the state.