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

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UNDERLINED MATERIAL INDICATES TEXT THAT IS BEING ADDED TO THE LAW AND BRACKETED MATERIAL IN CAPITAL LETTERS INDICATES DELETIONS FROM THE LAW; COMPLETELY NEW TEXT OR MATERIAL REPEALED AND RE-ENACTED IS IDENTIFIED IN THE INTRODUCTORY LINE OF EACH BILL SECTION.

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Relating to game farming.

* Section 1. AS 03.05.010(a) is amended to read:

(a) The commissioner of natural resources shall

(1) direct, administer, and supervise promotional and experimental work, extension services, and agricultural projects for the purpose of promoting and developing the agricultural industry within the state including such fields as horticulture, dairying, cattle raising, fur farming, grain production, vegetable production, and development of other agricultural products;

(2) procure and preserve all information pertaining to the development of the agricultural industry and disseminate that information to the public;

(3) assist prospective settlers and others desiring to engage in the agricultural industry in the state with information concerning areas suitable for agriculture and other activities and programs essential to the development of the agricultural industry in the state;

(4) review the marketing, financing, and development of agricultural products inside the state including transportation, with special emphasis upon local production, and negotiate for the marketing of agricultural products of the state with federal and state agencies operating in the state; [AND]

(5) regulate and control the entry into the state and the

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1 transportation, sale, or use inside the state of plants, seeds, vege-
2 tables, fruits and berries, nursery stock, animal feeds, remedies and
3 mineral supplements, fertilizers, and agricultural chemicals in order
4 to prevent the spread of pests, diseases, or toxic substances injuri-
5 ous to the public interest, and to protect the agricultural industry
6 against fraud, deception and misrepresentation; in this connection the
7 commissioner may require registration, inspection, and testing, and
8 establish procedures and fees; and

9 (6) regulate the farming of elk in a manner similar to the
10 manner in which the commissioner regulates domestic animals and live-
11 stock, to the extent that is appropriate.

12 * Sec. 2. AS 03.05.011 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

13 (b) The commissioner of environmental conservation shall regu-
14 late the farming of elk in a manner similar to the manner in which the
15 commissioner regulates domestic animals and livestock, to the extent
16 that is appropriate.

17 * Sec. 3. AS 16.05 is amended by adding a new section to read:

18 Sec. 16.05.331. ELK FARMING. (a) Elk may be raised and bred as
19 domestic stock for commercial purposes, including the sale of meat, by
20 a person who lawfully owns the elk and who holds a current valid game
21 mammal farming license.

22 (b) The department may issue a game mammal farming license for
23 the farming of elk to a person who applies on a form provided by the
24 department, pays the fee established under AS 16.05.340, and who
25 proves to the satisfaction of the department that the person

26 (1) intends to raise and breed elk; and

27 (2) possesses facilities for maintaining the elk under
28 positive control.

29 (c) Notwithstanding other provisions of law, a license or permit

from the department, other than a game mammal farming license, is not required in order to import, export, or possess elk for the purpose of elk farming. A live elk may not be captured from the wild or released into the wild without an appropriate license or permit from the department.

(d) Elk imported, exported, or possessed for the purpose of elk farming are subject to the provisions of AS 03 and regulations adopted under AS 03 by the commissioner of natural resources or the commissioner of environmental conservation for domestic animals and livestock, to the extent they are made applicable to elk by the commissioners.

(e) In this section, "lawfully owns" means ownership that was obtained without violating a state or federal law or regulation, or a condition of a license or permit issued with respect to game.

* Sec. 4. AS 16.05.340(a)(14) is amended to read:

(14) Fish [OR GAME] farming biennial license..... 200

* Sec. 5. AS 16.05.340(a) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

(18) Game farming:

(A) Game mammal or game reptile farming biennial
license 200

(B) Game bird farming biennial license 20