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**AN ACT**

Relating to the disposal of property, including firearms and ammunition.

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1 Relating to the disposal of property, including firearms and ammunition.

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3 \* **Section 1.** AS 12.36.030(b) is repealed and reenacted to read:

4 (b) Property referenced in (a) of this section shall be disposed of by a

5 (1) municipal law enforcement agency in the following manner:

6 (A) for that part of the property that is subject to AS 34.45.110 -  
7 34.45.780, in accordance with AS 34.45.110 - 34.45.780;

8 (B) for that part of the property that is not subject to  
9 AS 34.45.110 - 34.45.780, by selling the property in the same manner as a sale  
10 upon execution; after paying the expenses for the preservation and sale of the  
11 property, the law enforcement agency shall dispose of the proceeds of the sale  
12 in the same manner as money collected upon a judgment;

13 (2) state law enforcement agency in the following manner:

14 (A) if the property is a firearm or ammunition, in the manner  
15 provided in AS 18.65.340;

16 (B) if the property is other than a firearm or ammunition, and the

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1 property is

2 (i) subject to AS 34.45.110 - 34.45.780, in accordance  
3 with AS 34.45.110 - 34.45.780;

4 (ii) not subject to AS 34.45.110 - 34.45.780, by selling  
5 the property in the same manner as a sale upon execution; after paying  
6 the expenses for the preservation and sale of the property, the law  
7 enforcement agency shall dispose of the proceeds of the sale in the same  
8 manner as money collected upon a judgment.

9 \* Sec. 2. AS 12.36.060(a) is amended to read:

10 (a) A deadly weapon, other than a firearm or ammunition, forfeited under  
11 AS 12.55.015(a)(9), unless remitted under AS 12.36.050, shall be disposed of by the  
12 commissioner of public safety under this section. Under this subsection, the [THE]  
13 commissioner of public safety

14 (1) may declare a weapon surplus and transfer it to the commissioner of  
15 administration;

16 (2) may, if the [ . A ] weapon is suitable for law enforcement purposes,  
17 [BALLISTICS TESTING,] training, or identification, retain the weapon for use [MAY  
18 BE RETAINED] by the Department of Public Safety or transfer the weapon  
19 [TRANSFERRED] to the municipal law enforcement agency making the arrest that led  
20 to the forfeiture;

21 (3) shall destroy a [ . A ] weapon that is unsafe or unlawful [SHALL BE  
22 DESTROYED].

23 \* Sec. 3. AS 12.36.060 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

24 (c) A firearm or ammunition forfeited to the state under AS 12.55.015(a)(9),  
25 unless remitted under AS 12.36.050, shall be disposed of as provided in AS 18.65.340.

26 \* Sec. 4. AS 17.30.122 is amended to read:

27 Sec. 17.30.122. STATE DISPOSAL OF FORFEITED PROPERTY. Property  
28 forfeited under AS 17.30.110 - 17.30.126 other than controlled substances and  
29 firearms shall be disposed of by the commissioner of administration in accordance  
30 with applicable law. Firearms shall be disposed of as provided in AS 18.65.340.  
31 As to property other than firearms or controlled substances, the [THE]

1 commissioner of administration may

2 (1) destroy property harmful to the public;

3 (2) sell the property and use the proceeds for payment of all proper  
4 expenses of the proceedings for forfeiture and sale, including expenses of seizure,  
5 custody, and court costs;

6 (3) take custody of the property and authorize its use in the  
7 enforcement of this chapter or AS 11.71, or transfer it to another agency of the state  
8 or a political subdivision of the state for a use in furtherance of the administration of  
9 justice;

10 (4) take custody of the property and remove it for disposition in  
11 accordance with law;

12 (5) forward it to the Drug Enforcement Administration of the United  
13 States Department of Justice for disposition; or

14 (6) transfer ownership of an aircraft to the Alaska Wing, Civil Air  
15 Patrol.

16 \* Sec. 5. AS 18.65 is amended by adding a new section to read:

17 ARTICLE 3A. DISPOSAL OF FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION.

18 Sec. 18.65.340. DISPOSAL OF FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION BY THE  
19 STATE. The state may only dispose of forfeited, surplus, or recovered but unclaimed,  
20 firearms and ammunition by sale or trade to a federally licensed firearms dealer. Only  
21 firearms and ammunition that are serviceable and safe and legal for a federally licensed  
22 firearms dealer to possess may be sold or traded under this section. Firearms and  
23 ammunition that are not serviceable and safe shall be destroyed. Firearms and  
24 ammunition that are not legal for a federally licensed firearms dealer to possess shall be  
25 disposed of only by destruction or by transfer to a law enforcement agency that can  
26 legally possess the firearms or ammunition.