

HOUSE BILL NO. 117

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE JOSEPHSON

Introduced: 3/29/19

Referred:

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to municipal regulation of trapping; and providing for an effective
2 date."

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

4 * **Section 1.** AS 16.05.930 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

5 (h) This chapter does not prevent a municipality from regulating the practice
6 of trapping within its boundaries, to the extent authorized under AS 29.35.052.

7 * **Sec. 2.** AS 29.35 is amended by adding a new section to read:

8 **Sec. 29.35.052. Regulation of trapping.** (a) A municipality may regulate
9 trapping to protect persons and property within its boundaries and may exempt
10 trappers from municipal trapping ordinances for good cause. Ordinances a
11 municipality may enact under this section include ordinances that impose

- 12 (1) trap identification requirements;
- 13 (2) signage or other notice requirements for set or placed traps;
- 14 (3) restrictions on the use of types of traps likely to cause injury or

1 damage to persons or property, including domestic animals;

2 (4) prohibitions on the setting or placement of traps in areas or
3 locations where they are likely to cause injury or damage to persons or property.

4 (b) This section applies to home rule and general law municipalities.

5 (c) Nothing in this section prohibits the

6 (1) Department of Environmental Conservation from exercising its
7 powers to stop the spread of disease;

8 (2) Department of Fish and Game from exercising its powers to
9 manage the state's fish and wildlife; or

10 (3) Department of Public Safety from exercising its powers to protect
11 public health and safety.

12 (d) A municipality may not enact an ordinance under this section that
13 eliminates reasonable opportunities for subsistence trapping of game within its
14 boundaries.

15 (e) In this section, "trapping" has the meaning given in AS 16.05.940.

16 * **Sec. 3.** This Act takes effect January 1, 2020.