

**HOUSE BILL NO. 187**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

**BY REPRESENTATIVE DICK**

**Introduced: 3/10/11**  
**Referred: Resources**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to game management of bison."**

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

3 **\* Section 1.** AS 16.20.310(a) is amended to read:

4 (a) The commissioner shall develop and may amend a game management plan  
5 for bison in the area described in AS 16.20.300. After holding public hearings in  
6 accordance with AS 44.62.310 - 44.62.319 (Open Meetings Act), the commissioner  
7 shall implement the game management plan. **In developing and amending a game**  
8 **management plan, the commissioner shall also take into consideration studies**  
9 **and suggestions from working groups or task forces related to the game**  
10 **management plan.**

11 **\* Sec. 2.** AS 16.20.310(b) is amended to read:

12 (b) The game management plan must include, but is not limited to  
13 (1) planting grains for bison and planting other wildlife forage;  
14 (2) altering existing plant cover to create additional range and year-  
15 round habitat for bison and other animal species in the area;

- 1 (3) tilling to produce forage;
- 2 (4) designing, developing, and building diversionary or temporary
- 3 fencing, holding pens, and other apparatus to prevent the movement of bison into
- 4 agricultural areas.