

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 201(CRA)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Offered: 4/14/17

Referred: Resources

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVE JOSEPHSON

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) Nothing in this chapter prevents a municipality from regulating the
6 practice of trapping within its boundaries, to the extent authorized under
7 AS 29.35.052.

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

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

13 (1) trap identification requirements;

14 (2) signage or other notice requirements for set or placed traps;

1 (3) restrictions on the use of types of traps likely to cause injury or
2 damage to persons or property, including domestic animals;

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

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

6 (c) Nothing in this section prohibits the

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

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

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

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

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

17 * **Sec. 3.** This Act takes effect January 1, 2018.