

**CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 202(RES)**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Offered: 3/17/14

Referred: Finance

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVE FEIGE

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1   **"An Act raising the application fee for a drawing permit for the hunting of bison to \$20**  
2   **and relating to the allocation of funds collected for the application fee; requiring the**  
3   **game management plan for bison in the Delta Junction Bison Range Area to include**  
4   **prevention of bison damage to farm crops and farm and personal property; and**  
5   **authorizing the commissioner of natural resources to make grants to soil and water**  
6   **conservation districts to prevent damage caused by bison."**

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

8    \* **Section 1.** AS 16.05.346(b) is amended to read:

9                   (b) The application fee for a drawing permit issued by the department for the  
10                   hunting of bison is **\$20** [\$10].

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;

1 (2) altering existing plant cover to create additional range and year-  
2 round habitat for bison and other animal species in the area;

3 (3) tilling to produce forage;

4 **(4) preventing bison damage to farm crops and farm and personal**  
5 **property.**

6 \* **Sec. 3.** AS 38.05.020(b) is amended to read:

7 (b) The commissioner may

8 (1) establish reasonable procedures and adopt reasonable regulations  
9 necessary to carry out this chapter and, whenever necessary, issue directives or orders  
10 to the director to carry out specific functions and duties; regulations adopted by the  
11 commissioner shall be adopted under AS 44.62 (Administrative Procedure Act);  
12 orders by the commissioner classifying land, issued after January 3, 1959, are not  
13 required to be adopted under AS 44.62 (Administrative Procedure Act);

14 (2) enter into agreements considered necessary to carry out the  
15 purposes of this chapter, including agreements with federal and state agencies;

16 (3) review any order or action of the director;

17 (4) exercise the powers and do the acts necessary to carry out the  
18 provisions and objectives of this chapter;

19 (5) notwithstanding the provisions of any other section of this chapter,  
20 grant an extension of the time within which payments due on any exploration license,  
21 lease, or sale of state land, minerals, or materials may be made, including payment of  
22 rental and royalties, on a finding that compliance with the requirements is or was  
23 prevented by reason of war, riots, or acts of God;

24 (6) classify tracts for agricultural uses;

25 (7) after consulting with the Board of Agriculture and Conservation  
26 (AS 03.09.010), waive, postpone, or otherwise modify the development requirements  
27 of a contract for the sale of agricultural land if

28 (A) the land is inaccessible by road; or

29 (B) transportation, marketing, and development costs render  
30 the required development uneconomic;

31 (8) reconvey or relinquish land or an interest in land to the federal

1 government if

2 (A) the land is described in an amended application for an  
3 allotment under 43 U.S.C. 1617; and

4 (B) the reconveyance or relinquishment is

5 (i) for the purposes provided in 43 U.S.C. 1617; and

6 (ii) in the best interests of the state;

7 (9) lead and coordinate all matters relating to the state's review and  
8 authorization of resource development projects;

9 (10) exercise the powers and do the acts necessary to carry out the  
10 provisions and objectives of AS 43.90 that relate to this chapter;

11 **(11) make grants to soil and water conservation districts**  
12 **established under AS 41.10.130 for the purposes of assisting persons whose**  
13 **property or crops have been damaged or are likely to be damaged by bison and**  
14 **the prevention of bison damage; the total amount of grants made in a fiscal year**  
15 **under this paragraph may not exceed an amount equal to 50 percent of the total**  
16 **revenue collected under AS 16.05.346(b) in the previous fiscal year; grants made**  
17 **under this paragraph may be used for the costs of fencing used to prevent bison**  
18 **damage.**