

**CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 79(RES)**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

**BY THE SENATE RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**Offered: 5/7/21**

**Referred: Finance**

**Sponsor(s): SENATOR KIEHL**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act providing for trapping licenses for active members of the Alaska National**  
2 **Guard and military reserves without charge; making sport fishing, hunting, and**  
3 **trapping permanent identification cards available to certain disabled veterans without**  
4 **charge; and providing for an effective date."**

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

6 **\* Section 1.** AS 16.05.340(a)(17) is amended to read:

7 (17) Waterfowl conservation tag ..... 10

8 (A) A person may not engage in waterfowl hunting without  
9 having the current year's waterfowl tag in the person's actual possession, unless  
10 that person

11 (i) qualifies for a \$5 license fee under (6) of this  
12 subsection;

13 (ii) is a resident under 18 years of age;

14 (iii) is 60 years of age or older and is a resident;

1 (iv) **has an identification card issued** [IS A  
2 DISABLED VETERAN ELIGIBLE FOR A FREE LICENSE] under  
3 **AS 16.05.400(b)** [AS 16.05.341].

4 (B) The Board of Game shall by regulation exempt the  
5 requirement of a waterfowl conservation tag for waterfowl hunting in areas of  
6 the state not likely to benefit from programs described in AS 16.05.130(b)(2) -  
7 (4).

8 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 16.05.340(a)(23) is amended to read:

9 (23) Resident anadromous king salmon tag ..... 10

10 A resident may not engage in sport fishing for anadromous king salmon  
11 without having the current year's anadromous king salmon tag in the resident's actual  
12 possession, unless that person

13 (A) qualifies for a 50 cent license fee under (1) of this  
14 subsection;

15 (B) is under 18 years of age;

16 (C) is 60 years of age or older and has been a resident of the  
17 state for at least one year;

18 (D) **has an identification card issued** [IS A DISABLED  
19 VETERAN ELIGIBLE FOR A FREE LICENSE] under **AS 16.05.400(b)**  
20 [AS 16.05.341]; or

21 (E) qualifies for a \$5 license fee under (6) of this subsection.

22 \* **Sec. 3.** AS 16.05.341 is amended to read:

23 **Sec. 16.05.341. Free license for [DISABLED VETERANS AND] active**  
24 **members of the Alaska National Guard and military reserves.** A person may  
25 receive a resident hunting, **trapping,** and sport fishing license under  
26 **AS 16.05.340(a)(6)** [AS 16.05.340(a)(5)] without charge if the person

27 [(1) HAS BEEN DISCHARGED FROM MILITARY SERVICE  
28 UNDER HONORABLE CONDITIONS, IS ELIGIBLE FOR A LOAN UNDER  
29 AS 18.56.101, AND IS CERTIFIED BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT  
30 OF VETERANS AFFAIRS AS HAVING INCURRED A 50 PERCENT OR  
31 GREATER DISABILITY DURING MILITARY SERVICE;

1                   (2) SERVED IN THE ALASKA TERRITORIAL GUARD, IS  
 2 ELIGIBLE FOR A LOAN UNDER AS 18.56.101, AND INCURRED A 50  
 3 PERCENT OR GREATER DISABILITY WHILE SERVING IN THE ALASKA  
 4 TERRITORIAL GUARD; OR

5                   (3)] is an active member of the

6                   (1) [(A)] Alaska National Guard;

7                   (2) [(B)] United States Army reserves;

8                   (3) [(C)] United States Air Force reserves;

9                   (4) [(D)] United States Navy reserves;

10                  (5) [(E)] United States Marine Corps reserves; or

11                  (6) [(F)] United States Coast Guard reserves.

12 \* **Sec. 4.** AS 16.05.400(b) is amended to read:

13                   (b) Upon request, and without charge, the commissioner shall issue a sport  
 14 fishing, hunting, or trapping identification card to a resident who

15                   (1) is 60 years of age or older;

16                   (2) has been discharged from military service under honorable  
 17 conditions, is eligible for a loan under AS 18.56.101, and is certified by the United  
 18 States Department of Veterans Affairs as having incurred a 50 percent or greater  
 19 disability during military service; or

20                   (3) has served in the Alaska Territorial Guard, is eligible for a loan  
 21 under AS 18.56.101, and incurred a 50 percent or greater disability while serving  
 22 in the Alaska Territorial Guard [THE COMMISSIONER SHALL ISSUE A

23 PERMANENT IDENTIFICATION CARD WITHOUT CHARGE TO A PERSON  
 24 WHO QUALIFIES BY AGE AND RESIDENCE AND WHO COMPLETES THE  
 25 FORMS REQUIRED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF  
 26 THIS SUBSECTION. A PERSON WHO IS ISSUED A PERMANENT  
 27 IDENTIFICATION CARD UNDER THIS SUBSECTION MAY NOT SPORT FISH,  
 28 HUNT, OR TRAP WITHOUT HAVING A VALID IDENTIFICATION CARD  
 29 ISSUED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION OR THE APPROPRIATE LICENSE IN  
 30 POSSESSION].

31 \* **Sec. 5.** AS 16.05.400 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

1           (c) The commissioner shall issue a permanent identification card without  
2 charge to a person who qualifies under (b) of this section and who completes the forms  
3 required by the commissioner for implementation of (b) of this section. A person who  
4 is issued a permanent identification card under (b) of this section may not sport fish,  
5 hunt, or trap without having a valid identification card issued under this section or the  
6 appropriate license in possession.

7   \* **Sec. 6.** This Act takes effect January 1, 2022.