

**HOUSE BILL NO. 64**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE CRONK

Introduced: 2/8/23

Referred: House Special Committee on Military & Veterans' Affairs, Resources

**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  
 14 **permanent** sport fishing, hunting, or trapping identification card to a resident who  
 15 **completes the forms required by the commissioner for implementation of this**  
 16 **section and who**

17                           **(1)** is 60 years of age or older;

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

22                           **(3)** **has served in the Alaska Territorial Guard, is eligible for a loan**  
 23 **under AS 18.56.101, and incurred a 50 percent or greater disability while serving**  
 24 **in the Alaska Territorial Guard.** [THE COMMISSIONER SHALL ISSUE A  
 25 PERMANENT IDENTIFICATION CARD WITHOUT CHARGE TO A PERSON  
 26 WHO QUALIFIES BY AGE AND RESIDENCE AND WHO COMPLETES THE  
 27 FORMS REQUIRED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF  
 28 THIS SUBSECTION. A PERSON WHO IS ISSUED A PERMANENT  
 29 IDENTIFICATION CARD UNDER THIS SUBSECTION MAY NOT SPORT FISH,  
 30 HUNT, OR TRAP WITHOUT HAVING A VALID IDENTIFICATION CARD  
 31 ISSUED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION OR THE APPROPRIATE LICENSE IN

1           POSSESSION.]

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

3                   (c) A person who is issued a permanent identification card under this section  
4           may not sport fish, hunt, or trap without having a valid identification card issued under  
5           this section or the appropriate license in possession.

6    \* **Sec. 6.** This Act takes effect January 1, 2024.