

SENATE BILL NO. 248

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY SENATOR BJORKMAN

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Referred: Resources, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to an executive administrator for the Big Game Commercial Services**
2 **Board."**

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

4 * **Section 1.** AS 08.54.591 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

5 (c) The department, in consultation with the board, shall employ an executive
6 administrator to perform duties as prescribed by the board. The executive
7 administrator is the principal executive officer of the board. The executive
8 administrator is in the partially exempt service under AS 39.25.120 and is entitled to
9 receive a monthly salary equal to a step in Range 23 on the salary schedule set out in
10 AS 39.27.011(a).

11 * **Sec. 2.** AS 08.54.600(a) is amended to read:

12 (a) The board shall

13 (1) prepare and grade

14 (A) a qualification examination for a registered guide-outfitter

1 license that requires demonstration that the applicant is qualified generally to
 2 provide guided and outfitted hunts and, in particular, possesses knowledge of
 3 fishing, hunting, and guiding laws and regulations; and

4 (B) a certification examination for each game management unit
 5 in which the registered guide-outfitter intends to provide big game hunting
 6 services; the examination must require demonstration that the registered guide-
 7 outfitter is qualified to provide guided and outfitted hunts in the game
 8 management unit for which the registered guide-outfitter seeks to be certified
 9 and, in particular, must require demonstration that the registered guide-outfitter
 10 possesses knowledge of the terrain, transportation problems, game, and other
 11 characteristics of the game management unit;

12 (2) authorize the issuance of registered guide-outfitter, master guide-
 13 outfitter, class-A assistant guide, assistant guide, and transporter licenses after the
 14 applicant for the license satisfies the requirements for the license;

15 (3) impose appropriate disciplinary sanctions on a licensee under
 16 AS 08.54.600 - 08.54.790;

17 (4) require an applicant for issuance or renewal of any class of guide
 18 license or of a transporter license to state in a written and signed document whether
 19 the applicant's right to obtain, or exercise the privileges granted by, a hunting, guiding,
 20 outfitting, or transportation services license is revoked or suspended in this state or
 21 another state or in Canada;

22 (5) regularly disseminate information regarding examinations and
 23 other qualifications for all classes of guide licenses to residents of the rural areas of the
 24 state;

25 (6) adopt procedural and substantive regulations required by this
 26 chapter;

27 (7) provide for administration of examinations for registered guide-
 28 outfitters at least twice a year;

29 (8) meet at least twice annually; **and**

30 **(9) establish the qualifications and duties of the board's executive**
 31 **administrator employed by the department under AS 08.54.591(c) and delegate**

authority to the executive administrator as necessary to conduct board business.

* **Sec. 3.** AS 39.25.120(c) is amended to read:

(c) The following positions in the state service constitute the partially exempt service:

(1) deputy and assistant commissioners of the principal departments of the executive branch, including the assistant adjutant general of the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs;

(2) the directors of the major divisions of the principal departments of the executive branch and the regional directors of the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities;

(3) attorney members of the staff of the Department of Law, of the public defender agency, and of the office of public advocacy in the Department of Administration;

(4) one private secretary for each head of a principal department in the executive branch;

(5) employees of councils, boards, or commissions established by statute in the Office of the Governor or the office of the lieutenant governor, unless a different classification is provided by statute;

(6) not more than two special assistants to the commissioner of each of the principal departments of the executive branch, but the number may be increased if the partially exempt service is extended under AS 39.25.130 to include the additional special assistants;

(7) the principal executive officer of the following boards, councils, or commissions:

(A) Alaska Public Broadcasting Commission;

(B) Professional Teaching Practices Commission;

(C) Parole Board;

(D) Board of Nursing;

(E) Real Estate Commission;

(F) Alaska Royalty Oil and Gas Development Advisory Board;

(G) Alaska State Council on the Arts;

- 1 (H) Alaska Police Standards Council;
 2 (I) Alaska Commission on Aging;
 3 (J) Alaska Mental Health Board;
 4 (K) State Medical Board;
 5 (L) Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education;
 6 (M) Advisory Board on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse;
 7 (N) Statewide Suicide Prevention Council;
 8 (O) State Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers, and
 9 Land Surveyors;
 10 (P) Alaska Health Care Commission;
 11 (Q) Board of Pharmacy;
 12 **(R) Big Game Commercial Services Board;**
 13 (8) Alaska Pioneers' Home and Alaska Veterans' Home managers;
 14 (9) hearing examiners in the Department of Revenue;
 15 (10) the comptroller in the division of treasury, Department of
 16 Revenue;
 17 (11) airport managers in the Department of Transportation and Public
 18 Facilities employed at the Anchorage and Fairbanks International Airports;
 19 (12) the deputy director of the division of insurance in the Department
 20 of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development;
 21 (13) the executive director and staff of the Alaska Public Offices
 22 Commission;
 23 (14) the rehabilitation administrator of the division of workers'
 24 compensation;
 25 (15) guards employed by the Department of Public Safety for
 26 emergencies;
 27 (16) marine pilot coordinator of the Board of Marine Pilots;
 28 (17) guards employed by the Department of Corrections, other than in
 29 state correctional facilities, to carry out the responsibility of the commissioner of
 30 corrections under AS 33.30.071(b);
 31 (18) hearing officers and administrative law judges of the Regulatory

1 Commission of Alaska;

2 (19) the compact administrator appointed under AS 33.36.130;

3 (20) the chief administrative law judge and administrative law judges
4 of the office of administrative hearings;

5 (21) the executive secretary of the Board of Public Accountancy.