

**SENATE BILL NO. 77**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

**BY SENATOR KELLY**

**Introduced: 3/13/13**

**Referred: Resources, Finance**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to big game hunting with children."**

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

3 \* **Section 1.** AS 16.05.255(i) is amended to read:

4 (i) For the purpose of encouraging adults to take children hunting, the board  
5 may [SHALL] establish annual hunting seasons in appropriate areas of the state for  
6 big game, other than bison and musk ox [, THAT ARE OPEN BEFORE SCHOOLS  
7 START IN THE FALL AND BEFORE REGULAR HUNTING SEASONS BEGIN].  
8 Only a resident child accompanied by a resident adult or a child accompanied by the  
9 child's resident parent, resident stepparent, or resident legal guardian may take big  
10 game in an area where a season established under this subsection is in effect. The  
11 adult, parent, stepparent, or legal guardian who accompanies the child may only assist  
12 the child in taking big game. A big game animal taken under this subsection must be  
13 counted against the bag limits of both the child and the adult, parent, stepparent, or  
14 legal guardian who accompanies the child. In this subsection,

15 (1) "adult" means an individual who is 21 years of age or older;

1 (2) "child" means an individual who is not more than 17 years of age  
2 and not younger than eight years of age.