

MEMORANDUM

State of Alaska
Department of Law

To: The Honorable Loren Leman
Lieutenant Governor

Date: June 16, 2003

File No.: 663-03-0188

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Re: Initiative Petition Application
Regarding Baiting or Intentional
Feeding of Bears; Amended
Impartial Summary
(AS 15.45.090(2))

We have revised the proposed impartial summary offered in our memorandum of advice of June 11, 2003, in which we reviewed an initiative for a proposed bill entitled “An Act Prohibiting the Baiting or Intentional Feeding of Bears.” In that memorandum, we concluded that the application met form requirements of AS 15.45.030 and AS 15.45.040 and we proposed an impartial summary for inclusion in the initiative petition booklets. The sponsors of the initiative have asked for a revision to the summary we proposed. We agree that the revisions requested by the sponsors are proper and in keeping with the requirements of AS 15.45.090(2). The impartial summary as proposed now reads:

INITIATIVE PROHIBITING BAITING OR INTENTIONAL FEEDING OF BEARS

This bill would make it a misdemeanor offense for a person to bait or intentionally feed a bear in order to hunt, photograph, or view a bear. Under this bill, a person may not feed a bear on purpose or use any item or substance, including food or other edible matter, in order to entice a bear into an area, or to stay in an area. A person who violates this law would be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor.

This summary has a Flesch test score of 65.80. We believe that this is an acceptable score of readability under AS 15.60.005.

The remaining portions of our June 11, 2003 memorandum of advice remain unchanged. Please contact us if you have any questions regarding the revised proposed impartial summary set out above.

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