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

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to provide or assist in providing certain guide services.

* Section 1. AS 08.54 is amended by adding a new section to read:

Sec. 08.54.635. Guide services provided by unlicensed persons. (a) A
registered guide-outfitter who contracts to guide a big game hunt may, under
regulations adopted by the board, delegate to a person not licensed under this chapter
the services of

(1) packing, preparing, salvaging, or caring for a client's meat;

(2) packing trophies; and

(3) packing camping equipment.

(b) For training purposes established by the board in regulation, a person who
is not licensed under this chapter may assist in providing the guide services of field
preparation of trophies, stalking, pursuing, tracking, killing, or attempting to kill big

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game, and using guiding or outfitting equipment, including spotting scopes and firearms, for the benefit of a hunter. An unlicensed person may only assist in providing a guide service under this subsection if a licensed registered guide-outfitter, class-A assistant guide, or assistant guide is physically present and the class-A assistant guide or assistant guide is employed by and under the supervision of the registered guide-outfitter who contracted for the big game hunt.

(c) A person who does not hold a license issued under this chapter may provide or assist in providing the services identified under this section only if the person meets requirements adopted by the board. A person who provides or assists in providing guide services under this section may receive compensation for providing the services.

* Sec. 2. AS 08.54.720(a) is amended to read:

(a) It is unlawful for a

(1) person who is licensed under this chapter to knowingly fail to promptly report, unless a reasonable means of communication is not reasonably available, to the Department of Public Safety, and in no event later than 20 days, a violation of a state or federal wildlife or game, guiding, or transportation services statute or regulation that the person reasonably believes was committed by a client or an employee of the person;

(2) person who is licensed under this chapter to intentionally obstruct or hinder or attempt to obstruct or hinder lawful hunting engaged in by a person who is not a client of the person;

(3) class-A assistant guide or an assistant guide to knowingly guide a big game hunt except while employed and supervised by a registered guide-outfitter;

(4) person who holds any class of guide license or transporter license to knowingly enter or remain on private, state, or federal land without prior authorization during the course of providing big game hunting services or transportation services;

(5) registered guide-outfitter to knowingly engage in providing big game hunting services outside of

(A) a game management unit for which the registered guide-
outfitter is certified; or

(B) a use area for which the registered guide-outfitter is registered under AS 08.54.750 unless the registration requirement for the area has been suspended by the Department of Fish and Game;

(6) person to knowingly guide without having a current registered guide-outfitter, class-A assistant guide, or assistant guide license and a valid Alaska hunting license in actual possession;

(7) registered guide-outfitter to knowingly fail to comply with AS 08.54.610(e);

(8) person who is licensed under this chapter to knowingly

(A) commit or aid in the commission of a violation of this chapter, a regulation adopted under this chapter, or a state or federal wildlife or game statute or regulation; or

(B) permit the commission of a violation of this chapter, a regulation adopted under this chapter, or a state or federal wildlife or game statute or regulation that the person knows or reasonably believes is being or will be committed without

(i) attempting to prevent it, short of using force; and

(ii) reporting the violation;

(9) person without a current registered guide-outfitter license to knowingly guide, advertise as a registered guide-outfitter, or represent to be a registered guide-outfitter, except as provided by AS 08.54.635;

(10) person without a current master guide-outfitter license to knowingly advertise as, or represent to be, a master guide-outfitter;

(11) person without a current registered guide-outfitter license to knowingly outfit a big game hunt, provide outfitting services, advertise as an outfitter of big game hunts, or represent to be an outfitter of big game hunts;

(12) person to knowingly provide transportation services to big game hunters without holding a current registered guide-outfitter license or transporter license;

(13) person without a current transporter license to knowingly
advertise as, or represent to be, a transporter;

(14) class-A assistant guide or an assistant guide to knowingly contract to guide or outfit a hunt;

(15) person licensed under this chapter to knowingly violate a state statute or regulation prohibiting waste of a wild food animal or hunting on the same day airborne;

(16) person to knowingly provide big game hunting services or transportation services during the period for which the person's license to provide that service is suspended or revoked;

(17) registered guide-outfitter, except in the defense of life or property, to knowingly personally take
   (A) big game while accompanying a client in the field; or
   (B) a species of big game if the registered guide-outfitter is under contract with a client to provide a guided hunt for that species of big game and the client is in the field;

(18) person who is licensed as a registered guide-outfitter, a class-A assistant guide, or an assistant guide, except in the defense of life or property, to knowingly personally take big game while a client of the registered guide-outfitter by whom the person is employed is in the field unless the person is not participating in, supporting, or otherwise assisting in providing big game hunting services to a client of the registered guide-outfitter by whom the person is employed; or

(19) person who is licensed as a transporter, or who provides transportation services under a transporter license, to knowingly accompany or remain in the field with a big game hunter who is a client of the person except as necessary to perform the specific duties of embarking or disembarking big game hunters, their equipment, or big game animals harvested by hunters; this paragraph does not apply to a person who holds both a transporter license and a registered guide-outfitter license issued under this chapter when the person has a contract to provide guiding services for the client.

* Sec. 3. AS 08.54.740(a) is amended to read:

(a) A registered guide-outfitter who contracts to guide or outfit a big game
hunt is equally responsible under AS 08.54.710 for a violation of a state or federal wildlife or game or guiding statute or regulation committed by a person while the person provides guide services for the guide-outfitter under AS 08.54.635 or during [IN] the course of the person's employment for the registered guide-outfitter.