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CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 143(FIN)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE

**Offered:
Referred:**

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES SEATON, Kreiss-Tomkins, Peggy Wilson, Kerttula

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

"An Act relating to crewmember fishing licenses; and providing for an effective date."

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

*** Section 1.** AS 16.05.480(g) is amended to read:

(g) A resident engaged in commercial fishing who is 11 years of age or older and who does not hold an entry permit or an interim-use permit shall, except as provided in (i) of this section, pay a fee of \$60 for an annual crewmember fishing license. A resident engaged in commercial fishing who is less than 11 years of age and who does not hold an entry permit or an interim-use permit shall pay an annual fee of \$5.

*** Sec. 2.** AS 16.05.480(h) is amended to read:

(h) A nonresident engaged in commercial fishing who is 11 years of age or older and who does not hold an entry permit or an interim-use permit shall, except as provided in (i) of this section, pay a base fee of \$60 for an annual crewmember fishing license, plus an amount, established by the department by regulation, that is as close as is practicable to the maximum allowed by law. A nonresident engaged in

1 commercial fishing who is less than 11 years of age and who does not hold an entry
2 permit or an interim-use permit shall pay an annual base fee of \$5 plus an amount,
3 established by the department by regulation, that is as close as is practicable to the
4 maximum allowed by law.

5 * Sec. 3. AS 16.05.480(i) is amended to read:

6 (i) Notwithstanding (g) and (h) of this section, a resident or nonresident
7 engaged in commercial fishing who does not hold an entry permit or an interim-use
8 permit may obtain one [A] seven-day crewmember fishing license under this
9 subsection annually. A person who obtains a seven-day license is not eligible for
10 another seven-day license in the same license year; however, if a person who
11 obtains a seven-day license pays the full fee for an annual crewmember fishing
12 license under (g) or (h) of this section during the same license year, the person is
13 entitled to receive a refund of the fee for the seven-day license. The department
14 shall adopt regulations establishing a refund procedure. During the period for
15 which the seven-day license is valid, a person who holds a seven-day
16 [CREWMEMBER FISHING] license may not engage in fishing with a rod and reel
17 while present on a commercial fishing vessel. The fee for a seven-day
18 [CREWMEMBER FISHING] license is \$30.

19 * Sec. 4. This Act takes effect January 1, 2015.