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Sectional Analysis Senate Bill 210

*An Act relating to the misrepresentation of seafood and seafood ingredients
by retail food establishments*

Section 1. This section adds new provisions to the Alaska Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (AS 17.20). Alaska Statute 17.20.042 would prohibit a restaurant from mislabeling a seafood product or ingredient on its menu. Under this section, a restaurant employee may report violations to the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation anonymously and free from the employer's retaliation. It also provides that a restaurant may remedy a violation through a verbal warning about a seafood item's substitution or provide a refund to a customer before a violation is reported. This section further establishes a \$500 fine for each violation, not to exceed \$50,000 for all violations. Finally, in this section, the terms "menu" and "seafood" relevant to the bill are defined.

Section 2. This section provides definitions of "prepared food product" and "retail food establishment" under AS 17.20.075.

Section 3. Under this section, definitions under AS 17.20.049(b)(3) and (b)(4) are repealed and reestablished under Section 2, AS 17.20.075.