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## CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 93(L&C)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

# THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

## BY THE SENATE LABOR AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE

## Offered:

### Referred:

**Sponsor(s): SENATE LABOR AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE BY REQUEST**

## A BILL

## FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

**"An Act relating to claims for injury, disability, or heart attack payable from the fishermen's fund; relating to claims against protection and indemnity insurance policies of vessel owners; and providing for an effective date."**

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

\* **Section 1.** AS 23.35.140 is amended to read:

**Sec. 23.35.140. Limitation on benefits.** (a) Except for compelling reasons,

(1) compensation may not be paid for medical care or hospitalization furnished before the ascertainable time of injury, or before authorization in the case of disability caused by an occupational disease;

(2) the total allowance for any one injury or disablement is **\$15,000**

[\$10,000].

(b) The total allowance for any one heart attack is **\$15,000** [\$10,000].

\* **Sec. 2.** AS 23.35.145 is amended to read:

**Sec. 23.35.145. Claim of vessel owner.** If a fisherman files a claim for

1       benefits under this chapter and also files a claim against the protection and indemnity  
2       insurance policy of the vessel owner, the vessel owner is entitled to receive a benefit,  
3       not to exceed the amount of the actual loss, that is the lesser of

4               (1) the full amount of the protection and indemnity insurance policy  
5               deductible; or  
6               (2) **\$15,000** [\$5,000].

7 \* **Sec. 3.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).