

**AMENDMENT**

OFFERED IN THE HOUSE

BY REPRESENTATIVE HAWKER

TO: HCS SB 183(FIN)

1 Page 1, line 1, following "Act":

2 Insert **"amending the qualifications of ocean rangers who monitor marine**  
3 **discharge and pollution requirements aboard large commercial passenger vessels and"**

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5 Page 1, following line 4:

6 Insert new bill sections to read:

7 **"\* Section 1.** AS 46.03.476 is amended to read:

8 **Sec. 46.03.476. Ocean Rangers.** (a) An owner or operator of a large  
9 commercial passenger vessel entering the marine waters of the state is required to have  
10 **an ocean ranger** [A MARINE ENGINEER LICENSED BY THE UNITED STATES  
11 COAST GUARD] hired or retained by the department on board the vessel to act as an  
12 independent observer for the purpose of monitoring state and federal requirements  
13 pertaining to marine discharge and pollution requirements and to insure that  
14 passengers, crew, and residents at ports are protected from improper sanitation, health,  
15 and safety practices.

16 (b) The **ocean ranger** [LICENSED MARINE ENGINEER] shall monitor,  
17 observe, and record data and information related to the engineering, sanitation, and  
18 health related operations of the vessel, including but not limited to registration,  
19 reporting, record-keeping, and discharge functions required by state and federal law.

20 (c) Any information recorded or gathered by the **ocean ranger** [LICENSED  
21 MARINE ENGINEER] shall be promptly conveyed to the Alaska Department of  
22 Environmental Conservation and the United States Coast Guard on a form or in a  
23 manner approved by the commissioner of environmental conservation. The

1 commissioner may share information gathered with other state and federal agencies.

2 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 46.03.476 is amended by adding a new section to read:

3 (d) In this section, "ocean ranger" means

4 (1) a marine engineer licensed by the United States Coast Guard; or

5 (2) a person who holds a degree in marine safety and environmental  
6 protection, or an equivalent course of study approved by the department, from an  
7 accredited maritime educational institution."

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9 Page 1, line 5:

10 Delete "**Section 1**"

11 Insert "**Sec. 2**"

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13 Renumber the following bill sections accordingly.