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Senate Bill 233—PFD Allowable Absence/Merchant Marine

Explanation of Changes Version A to Version B

*"An Act relating to allowable absences for permanent fund dividend qualification;
and providing for an effective date."*

Sec. 1 – AS 43.23.008(a)(4) Page 2, Lines 6-14

Version B of the bill adds additional language to subsection (a)(4) to specify that an Alaskan qualifies for an allowable absence if the vocational program they are attending not only trains students for a career in the US merchant marine, but is also approved by the US Coast Guard and meets the requirements of the US Coast Guard for US merchant marine credentialing.