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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**

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

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

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

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

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

10 (2) the total allowance for any one injury or disablement is **\$15,000**
11 [\$10,000].

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

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

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

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

(1) the full amount of the protection and indemnity insurance policy deductible; or

(2) \$15,000 [\$5,000].

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