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CSSB 93(L&C) Version S.A: Fishermen's Fund: Vessel Owner Claims Sectional Analysis

Section 1: Amends AS 23.35.140 to increase the total compensation allowance for a qualifying injury or heart attack from \$10,000 to \$15,000 if the balance of the fund is above statutory thresholds.

Section 2: Amends AS 23.35.140 to add a new sections (c) and (d) that would lower the compensation allowance to a crewmember for each qualifying injury or illness if the balance of the fund falls below threshold amounts.

<i>Fisherman's Fund Balance</i>	Maximum payout to crew member for illness or injury
<i>\$7.5 million or above</i>	\$15,000
<i>\$5 to \$7.49 million</i>	\$10,000
<i>Below \$5 million</i>	\$5,000

Section 3: Amends AS 23.35.145 to increase the maximum reimbursement to vessel owners for crew injury or illness claims from \$5,000 to \$15,000 if the balance of the fund is above statutory thresholds in Section 4 of the bill.

Section 4: Amends AS 23.35.145 to add a new sections (b) and (c) that would lower the reimbursement amount to a vessel owner for each qualifying crewmember injury or illness if the balance of the fund falls below threshold amounts.

<i>Fisherman's Fund Balance</i>	Maximum reimbursement to vessel owner for crew member illness or injury
<i>\$7.5 million or above</i>	\$15,000
<i>\$5 to \$7.49 million</i>	\$10,000
<i>Below \$5 million</i>	\$5,000

Section 5: Amends AS 23.35.150(5) to add viral infections to the list of occupational diseases that are eligible for coverage.

Section 6: Provides for an immediate effective date.