



# Alaska State Legislature

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## JOINT RESOLUTION

Requesting the United States Coast Guard to delay enforcement of certain licensing provisions.

### BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

WHEREAS United States Coast Guard rules and regulations require licensed officers on ships of over 200 tons; and

WHEREAS this regulation has not been enforced in the past years on fishing vessels in Alaska's waters; and

WHEREAS the United States Coast Guard has stated the intent of enforcing these regulations upon fishing vessels; and

WHEREAS few fishermen and ship crews now hold licenses; and

WHEREAS immediate strict enforcement of this licensing provision would immediately tie up all vessels of over 200 tons; and

WHEREAS this would be an extreme hardship on the fishermen and fishing industry as a whole; and

WHEREAS a maritime academy for training of fishermen to meet United States Coast Guard requirements is being considered by the state;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Sixth State Legislature that the United States Coast Guard is urged to delay the enforcement of the subject regulations in order to allow fishermen the opportunity to comply.

COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable John Volpe, Secretary, Department of Transportation; Admiral

Willard J. Smith, Commandant, U. S. Coast Guard; Rear Admiral Robert E. Hammond, Commander, 17th Coast Guard District; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Howard W. Pollock, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.