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AN ACT

Relating to marine pilots; and providing for an effective date.

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

* Section 1. INTENT. The legislature finds that because of the danger of oil spills, the transportation of crude oil and refined petroleum products by tankers on state waters creates a potential hazard to important natural resources of the state and to jobs and incomes dependent on these resources. The legislature also recognizes that docking areas for receiving these products and adjacent waters are a relatively confined saltwater environment with irregular shorelines, and therefore at or near docks there is a greater than usual likelihood of long-term damage from any large oil spill. The legislature further recognizes that certain areas, particularly Valdez Arm, and adjacent waters have limited space for maneuvering a large oil tanker and that these waters contain many natural navigational obstacles as well as a high density of commercial and pleasure boat traffic. For these reasons, it is important that large oil tankers be piloted by highly skilled persons who are familiar with local waters.

* Sec. 2. AS 08.62.180(1) is amended to read:

(1) vessels under enrollment, except as provided in sec. 185 of this chapter;

* Sec. 3. AS 08.62 is amended by adding a new section to read:

Sec. 08.62.185. CERTAIN LICENSED PILOTS REQUIRED FOR OIL TANKERS. (a) Any oil tanker, whether enrolled or registered, of 50,000 dead weight tons or greater, shall, when navigating in state waters beyond Alaska pilot stations either

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(1) employ a pilot licensed by the state under this chapter, or

(2) utilize a federally licensed pilot whose duty station has been on that tanker throughout that specific voyage.

(b) The pilot required in (a) of this section shall control the vessel during all docking operations.

* Sec. 4. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.10.070(c).