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

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**Approved by the Governor:** May 18, 1995  
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8 \* **Section 1. CRUISE SHIP GAMBLING EXEMPTION.** (a) A cruise ship may conduct  
9 gambling as permitted under (b) of this section in the offshore water of the state if  
10 (1) the operator of the cruise ship annually applies on a date set by the  
11 department on a form provided by the department;  
12 (2) the operator of the cruise ship agrees to comply with AS 45.50.474; and

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1                   (3) the operator pays the annual exemption fee required under (c) of this  
2 section.

3                   (b) The provisions of AS 11.66.200 - 11.66.280 do not apply to gambling conducted  
4 by a cruise ship for its ticketed passengers in the offshore water of the state if

5                         (1) the cruise ship is exempt under (a) of this section:

6                         (2) the cruise ship does not conduct gambling in, or within three miles of, a  
7 state port visited by the cruise ship;

8                         (3) the gambling is ancillary to the cruise and the cruise has as its main  
9 purpose scenic cruising and port visits at maritime communities in the state:

10                        (4) the cruise ship operates under an itinerary that either originates or  
11 terminates in a port outside the state; and

12                        (5) the gambling only consists of either or both of the following:

13                                 (A) activities municipalities or qualified organizations are permitted to  
14 conduct under AS 05.15.100(a); or

15                                 (B) activities involving the use of playing cards, dice, or numbers  
16 wheels; in this subparagraph, "numbers wheel" has the meaning given in AS 05.15.690.

17                   (c) The exemption fee for a cruise ship to conduct gambling under (a) of this section  
18 is for cruise ships with a capacity of

19                   (1) 500 or fewer passengers . . . . .	\$10,000;
20                   (2) 501 - 999 passengers . . . . .	\$20,000;
21                   (3) 1,000 - 1,999 passengers . . . . .	\$30,000;
22                   (4) 2,000 passengers or more . . . . .	\$40,000.

23                   (d) The department shall revoke the exemption of a cruise ship that becomes ineligible  
24 to hold an exemption under this section, provides false information in an application for an  
25 exemption, violates an order issued under AS 05.15.680 or conducts gambling in violation of  
26 the provisions of this section. When revoking an exemption under this subsection, the  
27 department may bar a cruise ship from obtaining an exemption under this section in the future  
28 or for a specified number of years in the future.

29                   (e) AS 05.15.610, 05.15.680, and 05.15.690 apply to gambling on a cruise ship.

30                   (f) AS 04.16.175 does not apply to an agent or employee of a cruise ship authorized  
31 to conduct gambling activities under this section.

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1 (g) A person who, with the intent to mislead a public servant in the performance of  
2 the public servant's duty, submits a false statement in an application for an exemption under  
3 this section is guilty of unsworn falsification.

4 (h) The tax imposed by AS 43.35.010 does not apply to a coin-operated device on  
5 board a cruise ship for a tax period during which the cruise ship is authorized to conduct  
6 gambling activities under this section.

7 (i) In this section, "offshore water of the state" means the marine water over which  
8 the state has jurisdiction.

9 \* **Sec. 2. EXCEPTION TO REQUIRED DISCLOSURES IN PROMOTIONS ON BOARD**  
10 **CRUISE SHIPS.** The prohibition contained in AS 45.50.474 does not apply to on-shore  
11 excursions that are sold on board a cruise ship.

12 \* **Sec. 3.** In this Act, "cruise ship" means a ship that operates at least 120 days a year  
13 anywhere in the world, provides cruises of at least 72 hours in length for ticketed passengers,  
14 provides on board the ship overnight accommodations for at least 300 passengers, is operated  
15 by an authorized cruise ship operator, and is certified under the International Convention for  
16 the Safety of Life at Sea or otherwise certified by the United States Coast Guard.

17 \* **Sec. 4.** This Act is repealed on the earlier of

18 (1) the effective date of SB 172(efd fld S) passed by the Nineteenth Alaska  
19 State Legislature; or

20 (2) September 30, 1995.

21 \* **Sec. 5.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).