

**HOUSE BILL NO. 164**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Introduced: 2/28/07

Referred: Transportation, Finance

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 "An Act relating to reporting of vessel location by certain commercial passenger vessels  
2 operating in the marine waters of the state, to access to vessels by licensed marine  
3 engineers for purposes of monitoring compliance with state and federal requirements,  
4 and to the obligations of those engineers while aboard the vessels; and providing for an  
5 effective date."

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

7 \* **Section 1.** AS 46.03.465(b) is amended to read:

8 (b) While a commercial passenger vessel is present in the marine waters of the  
9 state, the owner or operator of the vessel shall provide to the United States Coast  
10 Guard an hourly report of the vessel's location based on Global Positioning System  
11 technology and collect routine samples of the vessel's treated sewage, graywater, and  
12 other wastewaters being discharged into marine waters of the state with a sampling  
13 technique approved by the department.

1 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 46.03.476(a) is amended to read:

2 (a) An owner or operator of a large commercial passenger vessel **operating in**  
 3 [ENTERING] the marine waters of the state is required to **allow** [HAVE] a marine  
 4 engineer licensed by the United States Coast Guard hired or retained by the  
 5 department on board the vessel. **The owner or operator shall allow the licensed**  
 6 **marine engineer to board the vessel at times designated by the commissioner**  
 7 **while the vessel is in an Alaska port. While aboard the vessel, the marine**  
 8 **engineer shall**

9 (1) [TO] act as an independent observer for the purpose of monitoring  
 10 state and federal requirements pertaining to marine discharge and pollution  
 11 requirements;

12 (2) **comply with the vessel's approved United States Coast Guard**  
 13 **security plan** [AND TO INSURE THAT PASSENGERS, CREW, AND  
 14 RESIDENTS AT PORTS ARE PROTECTED FROM IMPROPER SANITATION,  
 15 HEALTH, AND SAFETY PRACTICES].

16 \* **Sec. 3.** AS 46.03.476(b) is amended to read:

17 (b) The licensed marine engineer shall monitor, observe, and record data and  
 18 information related to the [ENGINEERING, SANITATION, AND HEALTH  
 19 RELATED OPERATIONS OF THE VESSEL, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED  
 20 TO] registration, reporting, record-keeping, and discharge functions required by state  
 21 and federal law.

22 \* **Sec. 4.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
 23 read:

24 RETROACTIVITY. Sections 1 - 3 of this Act are retroactive to December 17, 2006.

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