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IN THE SENATE BY COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
SENATE BILL No. 93  
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA  
TWENTY-SECOND SESSION

A BILL

For an Act entitled: "An Act to amend Sections 4 and 5, Chapter 100, Session Laws of Alaska 1951 relating to the Fishermen's Fund, to increase revenues to the Fund, and to define 'occupational diseases' for benefit purposes, and declaring an emergency."

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

SECTION 1. Section 4, Chapter 100, Session Laws of Alaska 1951 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 4. There is hereby created a fund, designated as the "Fishermen's Fund" to be administered by the Commissioner of Labor under the direction of the Board for the Care of Sick and Disabled Fishermen, with the Territorial Treasurer as custodian of the Fund. The Fund shall be composed of (30%) 60% of the money hereafter derived by the Territory from all commercial fishermen's licenses, including clam diggers' licenses, and money appropriated to carry out the purposes of this Act, all of which money shall be covered into the Fund. Payments from the Fund for expenses and other disbursements necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act shall be made upon vouchers approved by the administrative officer of the Board. Said Fund shall be continuous until otherwise provided by law.

1                   SECTION 2. Section 5, Chapter 100, Session Laws of  
2 Alaska 1951 is hereby amended to read as follows:

3                   Section 5. Each fisherman qualified under this  
4 Act shall, upon his becoming disabled as hereinafter  
5 specified, be entitled to receive benefits as follows:  
6 Immediately after he sustains any injury or disability  
7 arising out of any accident directly connected with his  
8 operations as a commercial fisherman either ashore in  
9 Alaska or in the territorial waters of Alaska, or suffers  
10 a disease which is occupational with respect to his work  
11 as a fisherman, such fisherman shall be entitled to  
12 emergency treatment, transportation to the nearest place  
13 where approved medical facilities are available, medical  
14 care and hospitalization.

15                   For the purposes of this Act the following diseases  
16 are considered to be occupational with respect to fisher-  
17 men: hernia; varicose veins of the legs, but excluding  
18 all other cardio-vascular diseases; the respiratory  
19 diseases bronchitis, pleurisy and pneumonia caused by or  
20 aggravated by the fishing endeavor, but excluding the  
21 common cold and influenza; rheumatism, arthritis and  
22 those musculo-skeletal diseases (such as bursitis,  
23 traumatic sciatica, and tenosynovitis) directly caused  
24 by or aggravated by the fishing endeavor. Diseases not  
25 common to both sexes, venereal disease, and any condition  
26 arising out of an attempt to injure himself or another  
27 are excluded from coverage under this Act.

28                   He shall also be entitled to such assistance  
29 after discharge from the hospital during period of con-  
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valence as the Board may allow in consideration of the  
condition of the Fund.

SECTION 3. An emergency is hereby declared to exist,  
and this Act shall take effect immediately upon its passage and  
approval.