

1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE BILL NO. 20

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA

4 TWENTY-THIRD SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act redefining "occupational diseases"
7 for benefit purposes under the Fishermen's
8 Fund; amending Section 5 of Chapter 100,
9 SLA 1951, as amended by Chapter 92, SLA
10 1955; and declaring an effective date."

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

12 Section 1. Section 5, Chapter 100, SLA 1951, as amended
13 by Chapter 92, SLA 1955, is hereby amended to read as follows:

14 Section 5. A fisherman entitled under this Act
15 shall be considered as being disabled as hereinafter specified,
16 be entitled to the same benefits as follows: Immediately
17 after he sustains an injury or disability arising out
18 of an accident directly connected with his operations
19 as a commercial fisherman, either ashore in Alaska or in
20 territorial waters of Alaska, or suffers a disease
21 which is occupational with respect to his work as a fisher-
22 man, he shall be entitled to emergency treat-
23 ment, transportation to the nearest place where approved
24 medical facilities are available, medical care and hospi-
25 talization.

26 For the purposes of this Act, the following diseases
27 are considered to be occupational with respect to fisher-
28 men: Kernia; varicose veins of the legs; cardio-vascular
29 diseases when it can be shown to the satisfaction of the

1. Beard that such diseases are attributable directly to the
2. employment of the fisherman. AND EXCLUDING ALL OTHER CARDIO-
3. RESPIRATORY AND GASTRO-ENTERIC AND RESPIRATORY DISEASES BRONCHITIS,
4. PHARYNGITIS AND LARYNGITIS CAUSED BY OR AGGRAVATED BY THE
5. EMPLOYMENT THEREOF, BUT EXCLUDING THE COMMON COLD AND INFLU-
6. ENZA, RHEUMATISM, ARTERIOSCLEROSIS AND THOSE MUSCULO-SKELETAL
7. DISEASES (SUCH AS BURSITIS, TRAUMATIC LESIONS, AND TENO-
8. SYNOVITIS) DIRECTLY CAUSED BY OR AGGRAVATED BY THE FISHING
9. EMPLOYMENT. DISEASES NOT COMMON TO BOTH SEXES, VENEREAL
10. DISEASES, AND ANY CONDITION ARISING OUT OF AN ATTEMPT TO
11. INjure HIMSELF OR ANOTHER ARE EXCLUDED FROM COVERAGE UNDER
12. THIS ACT.

13. He shall also be entitled to such assistance after
14. discharge from the hospital during period of convales-
15. cence as the Board may allow in consideration of the
16. condition of the Fund.

17. Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act shall take effect and
18. be in force from and after its passage and approval or upon
19. its becoming law without such approval, and it is so enacted.