

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 99, SLA  
10 1955."

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

12 Section 1. Section 5, Chapter 100, SLA 1951, as amended  
13 by Chapter 99, SLA 1955, is hereby amended to read as follows:

14 Sec. 5. Each fisherman qualified under this Act  
15 shall, upon his becoming disabled as hereinafter specified,  
16 be entitled to receive benefits as follows: Immediately  
17 after he sustains any injury or disability arising out of  
18 any accident directly connected with his operations as a  
19 commercial fisherman, either ashore in Alaska or in the  
20 territorial waters of Alaska, or suffers a disease which  
21 is occupational with respect to his work as a fisherman,  
22 such fishermen shall be entitled to emergency treatment,  
23 transportation to the nearest place where approved medical  
24 facilities are available, medical care and hospitalization.

25 For the purposes of this Act, the following diseases  
26 are considered to be occupational with respect to fisher-  
27 men: hernia; varicose veins of the legs; [ BUT EXCLUDING  
28 ALL OTHER CARDIO-VASCULAR DISEASES; ] the respiratory  
29 diseases, bronchitis, pleurisy and pneumonia caused by or

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Re-adopted as amended by the Senate

1 aggravated by the fishing endeavor, but excluding the common  
2 cold and influenza; rheumatism, arthritis and those musculo-  
3 skeletal diseases (such as bursitis, traumatic sciatica, and  
4 tenosynovitis) directly caused by or aggravated by the  
5 fishing endeavor. Diseases not common to both sexes,  
6 venereal disease, and any condition arising out of an attempt  
7 to injure himself or another are excluded from coverage  
8 under this Act   ; Provided, however, that nothing herein  
9 shall be construed as prohibiting the Board from paying the  
10 costs, within the maximum limitations, of emergency treat-  
11 ment, transportation, medical care and hospitalization,  
12 exacerbated by cardio-vascular diseases, when it is deter-  
13 mined by the Board that such diseases are attributable,  
14 directly or indirectly, to the fishing endeavor.

15 He shall also be entitled to such assistance after  
16 discharge from the hospital during period of convalescence  
17 as the Board may allow in consideration of the condition of  
18 the Fund.