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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY BANFIELD

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 632

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to death benefits for commercial
7 fishermen."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 23 is amended by adding a new chapter to read:

10 CHAPTER 37. DEATH BENEFITS.

11 ARTICLE 1. COMMERCIAL FISHERMEN.

12 Sec. 23.37.010. CREATION AND ADMINISTRATION. There is created a
13 fund, designated as the fishermen's death benefit fund. The Department
14 of Revenue is the custodian of the fund and the Department of Labor
15 shall administer it. Funds appropriated by the legislature to the
16 fund in any one fiscal year shall not exceed 40 per cent of the amount
17 of money derived by the state in the preceding fiscal year from
18 commercial fishermen's licenses.

19 Sec. 23.37.020. BENEFITS. The beneficiary of a fisherman who,
20 at the time of his death was actually engaged in commercial fishing or
21 was occupied in Alaska in preparing or dismantling boats or gear used
22 in commercial fishing or who died of an illness or injury contracted
23 or sustained while engaged in these pursuits, is entitled to benefits
24 under secs. 10 - 40 of this chapter. In this section, fisherman means
25 a person who is licensed by the state to engage in commercial fishing.

26 Sec. 23.37.030. DUTIES OF COMMISSIONER AND COUNCIL. The commis-
27 sioner of labor shall consult with the Fishermen's Fund Advisory and
28 Appeals Council before he makes a negative decision on an application
29 filed in relation to secs. 10 - 40 of this chapter.

1 **Sec. 23.37.040. REGULATIONS.** The Department of Labor shall adopt
2 regulations to carry out the purposes of secs. 10 - 40 of this chapter,
3 including but not limited to provisions relating to designation of
4 beneficiaries and limitations on benefits.
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