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2 SENATE BILL NO. 303

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 commercial fishing."

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

8 * Section 1. AS 16.05.480 is repealed and re-enacted to read:

9 Sec. 16.05.480. COMMERCIAL FISHING LICENSE. A person engaged in
10 commercial fishing shall obtain a commercial fishing license. The fee
11 for the license is \$100 for residents, and \$300 for nonresidents.
12 However, the fee for the license is \$10 for a resident, and \$30 for a
13 nonresident, if a person can, upon demand, furnish satisfactory evidence
14 to the Department of Revenue proving that he either earned a gross income
15 of less than \$5,000 in the preceding year or that he derived at least
16 75 per cent of his gross income for the preceding year from commercial
17 fishing in the registration area for which he intends to be licensed.
18 All commercial fishing licenses are nontransferable and shall be
19 retained in the possession of the licensee, readily accessible for
20 inspection at all times.

21 * Sec. 2. AS 16.05.570 is amended to read:

22 Sec. 16.05.570. DRIFT GILL NET LICENSE. A license is required
23 for drift gill nets used in the taking or catching of fish for com-
24 mercial purposes in the waters of the state. The fee is \$100 [\$10] a
25 year for the first 100 fathoms or fraction thereof and \$50 [\$5] for
26 each additional 50 fathoms or fraction thereof for a resident and \$300
27 [\$30] a year for the first 100 fathoms or fraction thereof and \$150
28 [\$15] for each additional 50 fathoms or fraction thereof for a nonresi-
29 dent, provided only the maximum amount of gear fished at one time is

1 licensed. However, the fee is \$10 a year for the first 100 fathoms
2 or fraction thereof and \$5 for each additional 50 fathoms or fraction
3 thereof for a resident and \$30 a year for the first 100 fathoms or
4 fraction thereof and \$15 for each additional 50 fathoms or fraction
5 thereof for a nonresident, if the person can, upon demand, furnish
6 satisfactory evidence to the Department of Revenue proving that he
7 either earned a gross income of less than \$5,000 in the preceding year
8 or that he derived at least 75 per cent of his gross income for the
9 preceding year from commercial fishing in the registration area for
10 which he intends to be licensed. The gear for each vessel shall be
11 separately licensed.

12 * Sec. 3. AS 16.05.580 is amended to read:

13 Sec. 16.05.580. SET OR STAKE GILL NET LICENSE. A license is re-
14 quired for a set or stake gill net used in the taking or catching of
15 fish for commercial purposes in the waters of the state. The fee is
16 \$50 [~~\$5~~] a year for the first 50 fathoms or fraction thereof and \$50
17 [~~\$5~~] for each additional 50 fathoms or fraction thereof for a resident
18 and \$150 [~~\$15~~] a year for the first 50 fathoms or fraction thereof and
19 \$150 [~~\$15~~] for each additional 50 fathoms or fraction thereof for a
20 nonresident, provided only the maximum amount of gear fished at one
21 time is licensed. However, the fee is \$5 a year for the first 50
22 fathoms or fraction thereof and \$5 for each additional 50 fathoms or
23 fraction thereof for a resident and \$15 a year for the first 50 fathoms
24 or fraction thereof and \$15 for each additional 50 fathoms or fraction
25 thereof for a nonresident, if the person can, upon demand, furnish
26 satisfactory evidence to the Department of Revenue proving that he
27 either earned a gross income of less than \$5,000 in the preceding year
28 or that he derived at least 75 per cent of his gross income for the
29 preceding year from commercial fishing in the registration area for

1 which he intends to be licensed.

2 * Sec. 4. AS 16.05.590 is amended to read:

3 Sec. 16.05.590. BEACH OR DRAG SEINE LICENSE. A license is re-
4 quired for each beach or drag seine used in the taking or catching of
5 fish for commercial purposes in the waters of the state. The fee is
6 \$100 [\$10] a year for the first 100 fathoms or fraction thereof and
7 \$50 [\$5] for each additional 50 fathoms or fraction thereof for a
8 resident and \$300 [\$30] a year for the first 100 fathoms or fraction
9 thereof and \$150 [\$15] for each additional 50 fathoms or fraction
10 thereof for a nonresident. However, the fee is \$10 a year for the
11 first 100 fathoms or fraction thereof and \$5 for each additional 50
12 fathoms or fraction thereof for a resident and \$30 a year for the
13 first 100 fathoms or fraction thereof and \$15 for each additional 50
14 fathoms or fraction thereof for a nonresident, if the person can,
15 upon demand, furnish satisfactory evidence to the Department of Revenue
16 proving that he either earned a gross income of less than \$5,000 in the
17 preceding year or that he derived at least 75 per cent of his gross
18 income for the preceding year from commercial fishing in the registra-
19 tion area for which he intends to be licensed.

20 * Sec. 5. AS 16.05.600 is amended to read:

21 Sec. 16.05.600. PURSE SEINE AND HAND PURSE SEINE LICENSE. A
22 license is required for purse seines and hand purse seines used in the
23 taking or catching of fish for commercial purposes in the waters of the
24 state. The fee is \$100 [\$40] a year for the first 100 fathoms or frac-
25 tion thereof and \$50 [\$10] for each additional 50 fathoms or fraction
26 thereof for a resident and \$300 [\$120] a year for the first 100
27 fathoms or fraction thereof and \$150 [\$30] for each additional 50
28 fathoms or fraction thereof for a nonresident. However, the fee is
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1 \$40 a year for the first 100 fathoms or fraction thereof and \$10 for
2 each additional 50 fathoms or fraction thereof for a resident and \$120
3 a year for the first 100 fathoms or fraction thereof and \$30 for each
4 additional 50 fathoms or fraction thereof for a nonresident, if the
5 person can, upon demand, furnish satisfactory evidence to the Depart-
6 ment of Revenue proving that he either earned a gross income of less
7 than \$5,000 in the preceding year or that he derived at least 75
8 per cent of his gross income for the preceding year from commercial
9 fishing in the registration area for which he intends to be licensed.

10 * Sec. 6. AS 16.05 is amended by adding a new section to read:

11 Sec. 16.05.655. GEAR LICENSE FEE FOR PERSONS CHANGING REGISTRA-
12 TION AREAS. A person who obtains a gear license for a registration
13 area other than the area for which his license was issued in the
14 preceding year shall pay an amount equal to three times the gear
15 license fee that he would be required to pay for a gear license to
16 fish in the same area he had fished the preceding year.