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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE BY  
REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 340

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the Fishermen's Fund; and  
7 providing for an effective date."

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

9 \* Section 1. AS 23.35.070 is amended to read:

10 Sec. 23.35.070. BENEFITS. Subject to the limitations provided  
11 in sec. 100 a [A] fisherman, upon becoming disabled, is entitled to  
12 receive benefits as follows: Immediately after he sustains an injury  
13 or disability arising out of an accident directly connected with his  
14 operations as a fisherman, either ashore in the state or in the  
15 territorial waters of the state, or suffers an occupational disease,  
16 the fisherman is entitled to emergency treatment, transportation to  
17 the nearest place where approved medical facilities are available,  
18 medical care and hospitalization.

19 \* Sec. 2. AS 23.35.080 is amended to read:

20 Sec. 23.35.080. EMERGENCY TREATMENT FOR CARDIO-VASCULAR DISEASES.  
21 Subject to the limitations provided in sec. 100 the [THE] department  
22 may pay the costs, within the maximum limitations, of emergency treat-  
23 ment, transportation, medical care and hospitalization, necessitated  
24 by a cardio-vascular disease, if the department determines that the  
25 disease is attributable, directly or indirectly, to the fishing  
26 endeavor.

27 \* Sec. 3. AS 23.35.090 is amended to read:

28 Sec. 23.35.090. ASSISTANCE AFTER DISCHARGE. Subject to the  
29 limitations provided in sec. 100 a [A] fisherman is also entitled to

1 such assistance after discharge from the hospital during period of  
2 convalescence as the department allows in consideration of the con-  
3 dition of the fund.

4 \* Sec. 4. AS 23.35.100 is repealed and re-enacted to read:

5 Sec. 23.35.100. TRANSPORTATION, HOSPITAL, NURSING, MEDICAL AND  
6 SURGICAL EXPENSES. (a) The department may pay out of the fund all  
7 reasonable transportation charges incurred under secs. 70, 80 and 90  
8 of this chapter, including cost of returning the fisherman to his boat,  
9 if within the state, to his home, if within the state, or to another  
10 place within the state and which is approved by the department, and  
11 the reasonable hospital, nursing, medical and surgical expense incurred  
12 within the state for his examination, treatment and care.

13 (b) The first \$50 of any claim against the fund must be paid by  
the injured fisherman or the estate of a deceased fisherman.

14 (c) In a case of extreme hardship as determined by the  
15 commissioner, the first \$50 of any claim against the fund may be paid  
16 out of the fund.

17 \* Sec. 5. AS 23.35.140 is amended to read:

18 Sec. 23.35.140. LIMITATIONS ON BENEFITS. No [(A) EXCEPT FOR  
19 COMPELLING REASONS, (1) NO] compensation may be paid for medical care  
20 or hospitalization furnished before the ascertainable time of injury,  
21 or before authorization in the case of disability caused by an  
22 occupational disease. The [; (2) THE] total allowance for any one  
23 injury or disablement is \$5,000 [ \$2,500].

24 [(B) THE TOTAL ALLOWANCE FOR ANY ONE HEART ATTACK IS \$2,500.]

25 \* Sec. 6. This Act takes effect on the day after its passage and  
26 approval or on the day it becomes law without approval.  
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