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2 HOUSE BILL NO. 386

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act creating the Commercial Fishermen Licensing
7 Board; and providing for an effective date."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 08 is amended by adding a new chapter to read:

10 CHAPTER 69. COMMERCIAL FISHERMEN LICENSING BOARD.

11 Sec. 08.69.010. CREATION AND MEMBERSHIP OF BOARD. (a) There is
12 created the Commercial Fishermen Licensing Board, consisting of a
13 statewide board and six regional boards. Board members are appointed by
14 the governor.

15 (b) The statewide board consists of six members. One member of
16 the statewide board is from each of the following areas: Southeastern,
17 Prince William Sound, Cook Inlet, Kodiak, the Alaska Peninsula, and
18 Bristol Bay.

19 (c) Each regional board consists of three members. There is a
20 regional board in each of the following areas: Southeastern, Prince
21 William Sound, Cook Inlet, Kodiak, the Alaska Peninsula, and Bristol
22 Bay. The chairman of each regional board is the member of that regional
23 board who serves on the statewide board.

24 Sec. 08.69.020. TERM OF OFFICE. Members serve a term of three
25 years. However, of the statewide board members first appointed, two
26 shall be appointed for a term of one year, two for two years, and two
27 for three years. Of the regional boards first appointed, one member
28 shall be appointed for a term of one year, one for two years, and one
29 for three years. A member serving on the statewide board shall have

1 the same term of office on the regional board that he has on the state-
2 wide board.

3 Sec. 08.69.030. REMOVAL FROM OFFICE. Each member holds office
4 at the pleasure of the governor notwithstanding the member's term.

5 Sec. 08.69.040. QUALIFICATIONS OF BOARD MEMBERS. Each member of
6 the board shall be a citizen of the United States and a resident of the
7 state, and shall have a minimum of ten years commercial fishing ex-
8 perience in the region from which he is appointed.

9 Sec. 08.69.050. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE BOARD. The deputy
10 commissioner of the division of commercial fisheries in the Department
11 of Fish and Game is the executive secretary of the board.

12 Sec. 08.69.060. BOARD MEETINGS. The statewide board shall hold a
13 regular annual meeting at a time specified by the governor. Regional
14 boards shall meet when two of the three members of a regional board, or
15 the executive secretary of the board, consider that a meeting is
16 necessary.

17 Sec. 08.69.070. POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD. (a) The statewide
18 board shall:

19 (1) prepare and administer, or cause to be administered,
20 examinations to applicants for commercial fishing licenses; the examina-
21 tions shall consist of questions on seamanship, first aid and fishing
22 skills. The board may take into consideration the differing conditions
23 and fisheries in each area. The examination questions shall be of the
24 type that a person with a reasonable knowledge of the field of com-
25 mercial fishing can answer;

26 (2) pass on the qualifications of the applicants and issue
27 commercial fishing licenses to those who qualify.

28 (b) The statewide board shall hear the appeals of those applicants
29 who have failed to qualify with the regional boards and issue commercial

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fishing licenses to those who a majority of the board approves.

Sec. 08.69.080. PERSONS EXEMPT. No person who has held a commercial fishing license in the state during the year before the effective date of this chapter will be required to take an examination in order to qualify for a commercial fishing license.

Sec. 08.69.090. EXPENSES. Members of the board are entitled to the per diem and travel expenses allowed by law.

* Sec. 2. This Act takes effect on the day after its passage and approval or on the day it becomes law without approval.