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2 HOUSE BILL NO. 675

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to loans for commercial fishing
7 purposes."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 16.10 is amended by adding new sections to read:

10 ARTICLE 7. COMMERCIAL FISHING LOAN ACT.

11 Sec. 16.10.300. DECLARATION OF POLICY. It is the policy of the
12 state, under secs. 300 - 370 of this chapter, to promote the develop-
13 ment and continued maintenance of commercial fishing gear and vessels
14 throughout the state by means of long term low-interest loans.

15 Sec. 16.10.310. POWERS OF THE DEPARTMENT. The department may

16 (1) make loans to individual commercial fishermen who have
17 been state residents for a continuous period of five years for the
18 purchase of new vessels and gear or the repair, restoration or upgrad-
19 ing of existing vessels and gear;

20 (2) designate agents and delegate its powers to them as
21 necessary;

22 (3) adopt rules and regulations necessary to carry out its
23 functions;

24 (4) establish amortization plans for repayment of loans,
25 which may include delayed payments of principal and interest for not
26 to exceed five years;

27 (5) enter into agreements with private lending institutions,
28 other state agencies or agencies of the federal government, to carry
29 out the purposes of secs. 300 - 370 of this chapter.

1 Sec. 16.10.320. LIMITATIONS ON LOANS. (a) A commercial fishing
2 loan may not exceed \$300,000. A loan may not run longer than 30 years
3 or bear interest exceeding six per cent, and it shall be secured by
4 a chattel mortgage. The chattel mortgage which secures a loan may
5 be of any priority if the total indebtedness on the vessel or gear
6 does not exceed \$300,000.

7 (b) A short term loan, to be amortized within one year and not
8 to exceed \$25,000 to any one borrower, may be made for emergency
9 purposes.

10 Sec. 16.10.330. SALE OR TRANSFER OF NOTES. The commissioner may
11 sell or transfer at par value or at a premium or discount to the
12 Department of Revenue or a bank or other private purchaser for cash
13 or other consideration the notes held by the Department of Fish and
14 Game as security for loans made under secs. 300 - 370 of this chapter.

15 Sec. 16.10.340. CREATION OF FUND. There is a commercial fishing
16 revolving loan fund which shall not exceed \$25,000,000 to carry out
17 the purpose of secs. 300 - 370 of this chapter.

18 Sec. 16.10.350. ADMINISTRATION OF FUND. The commissioner shall
19 administer the loan fund.

20 Sec. 16.10.360. DEFINITIONS. In secs. 300 - 370 of this chapter

21 (1) "commissioner" means the commissioner of fish and game;

22 (2) "department" means the Department of Fish and Game.

23 Sec. 16.10.370. SHORT TITLE. Secs. 300 - 370 of this chapter may
24 be cited as the Commercial Fishing Loan Act.
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