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1 IN THE SENATE

BY POLAND

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 31

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Requesting the United States Coast  
6 Guard to delay enforcement of certain  
7 licensing provisions.

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

9 WHEREAS United States Coast Guard rules and regulations require licensed  
10 officers on ships of over 200 tons; and

11 WHEREAS this regulation has not been enforced in the past years on  
12 fishing vessels in Alaska's waters; and

13 WHEREAS the United States Coast Guard has stated the intent of enforc-  
14 ing these regulations upon fishing vessels; and

15 WHEREAS few fishermen and ship crews now hold licenses; and

16 WHEREAS immediate strict enforcement of this licensing provision would  
17 immediately tie up all vessels of over 200 tons; and

18 WHEREAS this would be an extreme hardship on the fishermen and fishing  
19 industry as a whole; and

20 WHEREAS a maritime academy for training of fishermen to meet United  
21 States Coast Guard requirements is being considered by the state;

22 BE IT RESOLVED by the Sixth State Legislature that the United States  
23 Coast Guard delay for three years the enforcement of the regulations to  
24 allow fishermen the opportunity to comply with the licensing provisions.

25 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable John Volpe,  
26 Secretary, Department of Commerce; Admiral Willard J. Smith, Commandant,  
27 U. S. Coast Guard; Rear Admiral Robert E. Hammond, Commander, 17th Coast  
28 Guard District; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike  
29 Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Howard W. Pollock, U. S.

1 Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.  
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