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BY THE COMMERCE COMMITTEE  
BY REQUEST

1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 180

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to marine radio communications  
7 requirements."

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

9 \* Section 1. PURPOSE. The purpose of this Act is to protect the safety  
10 and welfare of people and property by requiring the use of a permanently  
11 attended radiotelephone on large vessels, sufficient to provide adequate  
12 communication in emergency or adverse weather conditions in order to diminish  
13 the possibility of collision in the territorial waters of the state.

14 \* Sec. 2. AS 30 is amended by adding a new chapter to read:

15 CHAPTER 7. MARINE RADIOTELEPHONE INSTALLATION.

16 Sec. 30.07.010. RADIOTELEPHONE INSTALLATION REQUIREMENTS FOR  
17 VESSELS IN EXCESS OF 300 GROSS TONS. In addition to applicable federal  
18 statutes and regulations, it is unlawful to operate a vessel of any  
19 type in excess of 300 gross tons in the territorial waters of the  
20 state unless a licensed VHF radiotelephone installation equipped  
21 with at least five channels, including standard distress frequencies,  
22 or a standard marine radiotelephone equipped with at least five  
23 channels, including standard distress frequencies and monitoring 21:82,  
24 is maintained at the bridge or wheelhouse of the vessel. While  
25 the vessel is underway the radiotelephone shall be monitored at all  
26 times by a person qualified to operate radio equipment of the type  
27 required by this section.

28 Sec. 30.07.020. REGULATIONS. The Department of Commerce may  
29 promulgate regulations, not in conflict with federal law or regulations,

1 which establish standards for marine communications in the state.

2       Sec. 30.07.030. PENALTIES. A master or owner of a vessel in  
3 operation which is in violation of this chapter, or a regulation  
4 promulgated under it, is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction  
5 is punishable by a fine of not less than \$500 nor more than \$1,000.  
6 Each day the violation continues constitutes a separate offense under  
7 this section.  
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