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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

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CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 180

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A BILL

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

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

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\* 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.

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

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CHAPTER 7. MARINE RADIOTELEPHONE INSTALLATION.

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Sec. 30.07.010. RADIOTELEPHONE INSTALLATION REQUIREMENTS FOR  
VESSELS IN EXCESS OF 200 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 200 gross tons in the territorial waters of the  
20 state unless a licensed VHF radio telephone installation equipped  
21 with at least five channels, including standard VHF calling and distress  
22 frequencies, or a standard marine radiotelephone equipped with at least  
23 five channels, including standard radiotelephone calling and distress  
24 frequencies, is installed and capable of being operated from the bridge  
25 or wheelhouse of the vessel. While the vessel is underway the radio-  
26 telephone shall be monitored at all times on the applicable standard  
27 calling and distress frequency by a person qualified to operate radio  
28 equipment of the type required by this section.

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Sec. 30.07.020. REGULATIONS. The Department of Commerce may

1 promulgate regulations, not in conflict with federal law or regulations,  
2 which establish standards for marine communications in the state.

3 Sec. 30.07.030. PENALTIES. A master or owner of a vessel in  
4 operation which is in violation of this chapter, or a regulation  
5 promulgated under it, is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction  
6 is punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,000. Each day the viola-  
7 tion continues constitutes a separate offense under this section.  
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