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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

2 HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 239

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act prohibiting crab processing on commercial crab
7 fishing vessels."

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

9 * Section 1. The legislature finds that in order to adequately conserve
10 the state's crab resources, protect the quality of the processed Alaska crab,
11 and assure the orderly enforcement of regulations relating to the harvest of
12 crab in the state, crab processing on board commercial fishing vessels must
13 be strictly controlled.

14 * Sec. 2. AS 16.05 is amended by adding a new section to read:

15 Sec. 16.05.685. PROCESSING ON COMMERCIAL CRAB FISHING VESSELS.

16 (a) It is unlawful to process any species of crab on a commercial crab
17 fishing vessel unless

18 (1) the vessel remains within one registration area from the
19 time the crab is caught to the time of dock delivery;

20 (2) the operator of the vessel notifies the department of
21 proposed changes in location before moving to another registration area;
22 and

23 (3) the operator of the vessel provides quarters for in-
24 spectors of the department who may inspect the crab catch on the vessel
25 at any time.

26 (b) The restrictions set out in (a) of this section do not apply
27 to processing aboard the fishing vessel for and as donations to charity,
28 for consumption aboard the vessel, or for dockside retail sales from
29 the vessel.

1 (c) In this section,

2 (1) "process" means to butcher, cook, chill, or freeze crab
3 for commercial use;

4 (2) "registration area" means a specific king crab regis-
5 tration area as designated by regulation of the Board of Fish and Game
6 and includes the Bering Sea shellfish area and the western Aleutian
7 Islands king crab area.