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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE
BY REQUEST

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 840

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to commercial fish licensing; and
7 providing for an effective date."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 16.05.570 is amended to read:

10 Sec. 16.05.570. DRIFT GILL NET LICENSE. A license is required for
11 drift gill nets used in the taking or catching of fish for commercial
12 purposes in the waters of the state. The fee is \$30 [\$10] a year for the
13 first 100 fathoms or fraction thereof and \$15 [\$5] for each additional
14 50 fathoms or fraction thereof for a resident and \$90 [\$30] a year for
15 the first 100 fathoms or fraction thereof and \$45 [\$15] for each addi-
16 tional 50 fathoms or fraction thereof for a nonresident, provided only
17 the maximum amount of gear fished at one time is licensed. The gear
18 for each vessel shall be separately licensed.

19 * Sec. 2. AS 16.05.580 is amended to read:

20 Sec. 16.05.580. SET OR STAKE GILL NET LICENSE. A license is re-
21 quired for a set or stake gill net used in the taking or catching of
22 fish for commercial purposes in the waters of the state. The fee is
23 \$15 [\$5] a year for the first 50 fathoms or fraction thereof and \$15 [\$5]
24 for each additional 50 fathoms or fraction thereof for a resident and
25 \$45 [\$15] a year for the first 50 fathoms or fraction thereof and \$45
26 [\$15] for each additional 50 fathoms or fraction thereof for a nonresi-
27 dent, provided only the maximum amount of gear fished at one time is
28 licensed.

29 * Sec. 3. AS 16.05.590 is amended to read:

1 Sec. 16.05.590. BEACH OR DRAG SEINE LICENSE. A license is re-
2 quired for each beach or drag seine used in the taking or catching of
3 fish for commercial purposes in the waters of the state. The fee is \$30
4 [\$10] a year for the first 100 fathoms or fraction thereof and \$15 [\$5]
5 for each additional 50 fathoms or fraction thereof for a resident and
6 \$90 [\$30] a year for the first 100 fathoms or fraction thereof and \$45
7 [\$15] for each additional 50 fathoms or fraction thereof for a nonresi-
8 dent.

9 * Sec. 4. AS 16.05.600 is amended to read:

10 Sec. 16.05.600. PURSE SEINE AND HAND PURSE SEINE LICENSE. A li-
11 cense is required for purse seines and hand purse seines used in the
12 taking or catching of fish for commercial purposes in the waters of the
13 state. The fee is \$120 [\$40] a year for the first 100 fathoms or frac-
14 tion thereof and \$30 [\$10] for each additional 50 fathoms or fraction
15 thereof for a resident and \$360 [\$120] a year for the first 100 fathoms
16 or fraction thereof and \$90 [\$30] for each additional 50 fathoms or
17 fraction thereof for a nonresident.

18 * Sec. 5. AS 16.05.440 is amended to read:

19 Sec. 16.05.440. EXPIRATION DATE FOR LICENSES. Licenses issued un-
20 der secs. 440 - 720 of this chapter expire at the close of December 31
21 following their issuance, and shall be renewed annually before March 31
22 of the year for which they are issued upon application and payment of
23 the license fees required by secs. 440 - 720 of this chapter. Applica-
24 tions for initial licenses shall be submitted before March 31 of each
25 license year.

26 * Sec. 6. AS 16.05.450(a) is amended to read:

27 (a) The commissioner of revenue or his authorized deputy shall
28 issue a license to each qualified person who files a written application
29 in person at places in the state designated by the commissioner, con-

1 taining the reasonable information required by the commissioner to-
2 gether with the required fee. The commissioner may permit persons to
3 acquire commercial fishing gear licenses by mail under circumstances of
4 extreme hardship, as determined by the commissioner. Financial in-
5 ability to travel shall not be considered extreme hardship under this
6 subsection. The application shall be simple in form and shall be
7 executed by the applicant under the penalty of perjury.

8 * Sec. 7. AS 16.05.480(a) is amended to read:

9 (a) A person engaged in commercial fishing shall obtain a com-
10 mercial fishing license. The fee for the license is \$30 [\$10] for
11 residents, and \$90 [\$30] for nonresidents. All commercial fishing
12 licenses are nontransferable and shall be retained in the possession of
13 the licensee, readily accessible for inspection at all times.

14 * Sec. 8. AS 16.05.530 is amended to read:

15 Sec. 16.05.530. ANNUAL RENEWAL OF VESSEL LICENSE. Upon annual
16 payment of a license fee of \$30 [\$10] for a resident and \$90 [\$30] for
17 a nonresident, and filing of the name and address of the owner and
18 operator of the vessel, the name and number of the vessel, a descrip-
19 tion of the vessel and fishing gear, vessel license number, if any, the
20 area to be fished, and other reasonable information required by the
21 Department of Revenue, the Department of Revenue shall issue a number
22 plate and a vessel license. If the vessel has a number plate, the
23 Department of Revenue shall issue a vessel license and tab designating
24 the year. The tab shall be placed in the space provided on the perma-
25 nent number plate.

26 * Sec. 9. AS 16.05.550(a) is amended to read:

27 (a) A license is required for troll lines used in the taking or
28 catching of fish for commercial purposes in the waters of the state.
29 The fee is \$45 [\$15] a year for a resident and \$135 [\$45] a year for a

1 nonresident.

2 * Sec. 10. AS 16.05.560 is amended to read:

3 Sec. 16.05.560. SET OR LONG LINE LICENSE. A license is required
4 for set or long lines used in the taking or catching of fish for com-
5 mercial purposes in the waters of the state. The fee is \$75 [\$25] a
6 year for residents and \$150 [\$50] a year for nonresidents.

7 * Sec. 11. This Act takes effect January 1, 1977.
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