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1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE BILL NO. 636 am

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act requiring flags for divers."

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

8 * Section 1. AS 05.25 is amended by adding a new section to read:

9 Sec. 05.25.012. DIVER'S FLAG. A person who is in the water using
10 an underwater breathing device shall display a diver's flag constructed
11 of rigidly supported material at least 12 inches by 12 inches in area of
12 red background with a white diagonal stripe. This diver's flag shall be
13 displayed on a boat or surface float and shall extend a minimum distance
14 of three feet from the surface of the water. The diver's flag shall be
15 placed at or near the point of submergence and constitutes a warning
16 that a diver is submerged and may be within 100 feet of the flag. A
17 diver shall remain within 100 feet of the diver's flag while at or near
18 the surface. A boat operator within sight of a diver's flag shall
19 proceed with caution, steering clear of the flag by a distance of 100
20 feet. Boats maneuvering within a 100-foot radius of a diver's flag
21 shall be slowed to no-wake speeds or five miles per hour, whichever is
22 necessary to maintain steerage in the seaway. A diver's flag shall be
23 displayed only while diving operations are underway.
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