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Referred: Rules

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

2 SENATE CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 636 am S

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to 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 may display a diver's flag constructed of  
11 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 may 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. Outside commercial shipping lanes, boats maneuvering within a 100-  
21 foot radius of a diver's flag shall be slowed to no-wake speeds or five  
22 miles per hour, whichever is necessary to maintain steerage in the  
23 seaway. A diver's flag shall be displayed only while diving operations  
24 are underway.

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