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1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE BILL NO. 547

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to loans to employees of the division  
7 of marine transportation for technical or vocational  
8 training."

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

10 \* Section 1. PURPOSE. The purpose of this Act is to provide a means to  
11 upgrade technical job skills among employees of the division of marine  
12 transportation, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, engaged  
13 in operating the state ferry system, by authorizing loans for vocational or  
14 technical training on similar terms to those loans now being made for post-  
15 secondary education. The long-term goal of this Act is to significantly  
16 increase the level of vocational competence of marine transportation  
17 employees.

18 \* Sec. 2. AS 14.40.751 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

19 (d) The marine transportation technical education account is  
20 established as an account in the scholarship revolving loan fund created  
21 by this section. The account established in this subsection shall be  
22 used to make loans under AS 14.40.772. Payments on principal and  
23 interest on loans made under AS 14.40.772 shall be paid into the marine  
24 transportation technical education account and shall be used to make  
25 new loans from the account. Except as specifically provided in AS 14.-  
26 40.772, procedures for making loans from the marine transportation  
27 technical education account, conditions placed on loans, and application  
28 and selection requirements for borrowers shall be the same as for  
29 scholarship loans made under AS 14.40.751 - 14.40.806.

1 \* Sec. 3. AS 14.40 is amended by adding a new section to read:

2 Sec. 14.40.772. MARINE TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL EDUCATION LOANS.

3 (a) The student financial aid committee established under AS 14.40.753  
4 may make a loan, not to exceed \$5,000, from the marine transportation  
5 technical education account established in AS 14.40.751(d) to an  
6 employee of the division of marine transportation, Department of Trans-  
7 portation and Public Facilities, to enable the employee to attend a  
8 vocational or technical training school or program.

9 (b) A loan made under this section may only be used for attendance  
10 at a vocational or technical training school or program which has been  
11 approved by the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities.

12 (c) Selection of loan recipients from the eligible applicants may  
13 not be based on factors other than the availability of loan money and  
14 the order in which the applications are received.

15 (d) A portion of a loan shall be paid on behalf of the borrower  
16 by the state if, after completion of the course of training for which  
17 the loan is made, the borrower spends at least two years as an employee  
18 of the division of marine transportation, Department of Transportation  
19 and Public Facilities. The portion of the loan to be paid by the state  
20 shall be determined as follows:

- 21 (1) two to three years employment, 10 percent;  
22 (2) three to four years employment, an additional 10 percent;  
23 (3) four to five years employment, an additional 10 percent;  
24 (4) over five years employment, an additional 10 percent.