

1 IN THE HOUSE

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HOUSE BILL NO. 490

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to safety equipment for commercial
7 fishing vessels; and providing for an effective
8 date."

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

10 * Section 1. AS 30 is amended by adding a new chapter to read:

11 CHAPTER 35. SAFETY STANDARDS FOR COMMERCIAL FISHING VESSELS.

12 Sec. 30.35.010. SURVIVAL SUITS. (a) A vessel engaged in
13 commercial fishing in state water is required to be equipped with a
14 survival suit for each person on board the vessel.

15 (b) A survival suit required under (a) of this section must be
16 equipped with a safety light and a Class B emergency position in-
17 dicating radio beacon.

18 (c) In this section "safety light" means a United States Coast
19 Guard approved personal rescue light.

20 Sec. 30.35.020. LIFE RAFTS AND LIFE BOATS. A vessel larger than
21 five net tons engaged in commercial fishing in state water is required
22 to be equipped with a United States Coast Guard approved life raft or
23 life boat, or a combination of life rafts or life boats, capable of
24 accommodating every person on board the vessel.

25 Sec. 30.35.030. CLASS A EPIRBs. A vessel larger than five net
26 tons engaged in commercial fishing in state water is required to be
27 equipped with a Class A emergency position indicating radio beacon.

28 * Sec. 2. APPLICABILITY. The requirement of AS 30.35.010(b), enacted
29 by sec. 1 of this Act, that survival suits be equipped with lights applies

1 to all vessels engaged in commercial fishing after December 31, 1988. The
2 requirement of AS 30.35.010(b), enacted by sec. 1 of this Act, that sur-
3 vival suits be equipped with Class B emergency position indicating radio
4 beacons applies to all vessels engaged in commercial fishing after
5 December 31, 1989. The requirement of AS 30.35.030, enacted by sec. 1 of
6 this Act, that certain vessels be equipped with Class A emergency position
7 indicating radio beacons applies to all vessels larger than five net tons
8 engaged in commercial fishing after December 31, 1988.

9 * Sec. 3. This Act takes effect July 1, 1988.