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SENATE BILL NO. 455

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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.