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1 IN THE SENATE
2 CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 455 (L&C)
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION
5 A BILL
6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to commercial fishing vessel safety
7 and safety equipment; and providing for an effective
8 date."
9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:
10 * Section 1. INTERIM COMMISSION ESTABLISHED; REPORT. (a) There is
11 established in the Office of the Governor the Fishing Vessel Safety Interim
12 Commission. The commission consists of at least seven members appointed by
13 the governor. Members must be knowledgeable and experienced in the areas
14 of commercial fishing vessels or vessel safety and life-saving methods and
15 systems. At least one member shall represent each of the following:
16 (1) the commercial fishing industry;
17 (2) fishermen's associations;
18 (3) the safety equipment industry, which includes businesses
19 manufacturing, supplying, or servicing marine safety and life-saving equip-
20 ment;
21 (4) the marine insurance industry;
22 (5) education; and
23 (6) the United States Coast Guard.
24 (b) Commission members are entitled to per diem and travel expenses
25 authorized for boards and commissions under AS 39.20.180.
26 (c) The purpose of the commission is to suggest, review, and recom-
27 mend legislation, regulations, guidelines, and standards that address
28 safety equipment requirements and educational programs that contribute to
29 the successful application of safety and life-saving equipment on

1 commercial fishing vessels.

2 (d) The commission shall consider and review proposals relating to
3 the development and implementation of educational programs at the high
4 school and community college level to increase the level of awareness among
5 participants and potential participants in the commercial fishing industry
6 with respect to the necessity, application, and use of safety and life-sav-
7 ing equipment on commercial fishing vessels. The commission shall encour-
8 age the involvement of fishermen's associations, processor associations, or
9 other trade associations or industry groups in the implementation of pro-
10 posed educational programs. The commission shall also consider guidelines,
11 requirements, and standards relating to the maintenance, servicing, and
12 upgrading of safety and life-saving equipment and recommend a permanent
13 method for the state to evaluate current and future needs relating to
14 legislation, regulations, guidelines, and standards for commercial fishing
15 vessel safety.

16 (e) The commission shall report its recommendations to the governor
17 and the legislature by January 15, 1989.

18 (f) The commission is terminated January 16, 1989.

19 (g) In this section "commission" means the Fishing Vessel Safety
20 Interim Commission established under (a) of this section.

21 * Sec. 2. This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).