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HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

NEXT COMMITTEE: RULES

BILL: SB 347

CURRENT VERSION: SB 347 am

SCHEDULED: APRIL 15, 1988

SPONSOR: DUNCAN

PHONE NO: 4766

CONTACT FILE: _____

BILL SUBJECT: REGULATION OF MOTORBOAT MOTOR REPAIRS

SPONSOR BACKUP: IN FOLDERS - NOTIFIED 4/5/88

AFFECTED AGENCIES:

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>CONTACT/PHONE</u>	<u>COMMENT</u>
LAW	B.J. JORDAN/3600	NOTIFIED 4/6/88

FISCAL NOTES

<u>AGENCY</u>	<u>REQUESTED</u>	<u>DATED</u>	<u>FY 88 AMT</u>	<u>FY 89 AMT</u>
PREPARED BY SENATE STATE AFFAIRS		1/28/88	-0-	-0-
LAW	4/5/88		-0-	73,300

ACTION

<u>DATE</u>	<u>COMMENT</u>
4/15/88	PASSED FROM HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS WITH SENATE STATE AFFAIRS ZERO FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

(7)

Date referred: 3/14/88

FURTHER REFERRALS:

DATE: 4-15-88

The State Affairs Committee has considered SB 347 am

"An Act relating to the regulation of motorboat motor repairs."

RECOMMENDS:

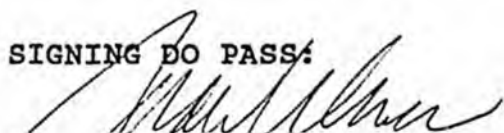
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- attached amendment(s) a new title
- do pass
- do not pass
- no recommendation
- individual recommendations
- additional referral to the _____ Committee

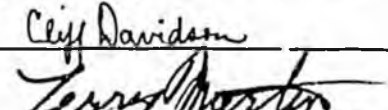
ADOPTS: _____ letter of intent

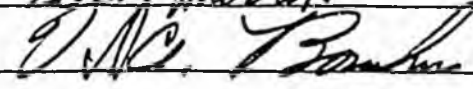
ATTACHES NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):

- fiscal impact same as previous fiscal note published _____
- zero fiscal note
- zero with analysis same as previous zero fiscal note published 1-15-88

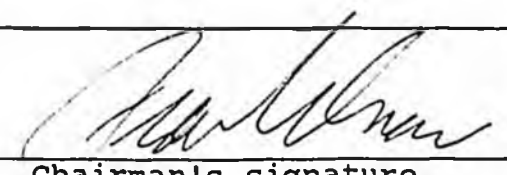
SIGNING DO PASS:



Cliff Davidson




SIGNING OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS:


Chairman's signature

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May, 1988

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Mary Van Nimwegen

House Trans. Comm. 3-11-88 1:30p.m.
House State Off. Comm. 4-15-88 3:00p.m.



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Alaska State Legislature

House

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STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

SENATE BILL 347 am

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FISCAL NOTE

- A. PREPARED BY SENATE STATE AFFAIRS: -0-

HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

(7)

Date referred: 2/5/88

FURTHER REFERRALS: State Affairs

DATE: March 11, 1988

The Transportation Committee has considered SB 347 am

"An Act relating to the regulation of motorboat motor repairs."

RECOMMENDS:

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- zero with analysis

SIGNING DO PASS:

Heinrich Springer
Bette Cato

SIGNING OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS:

Mike Hiller No Rec.
Bill Hudson No Rec.
D.C. Parker (no rec.)

Bette Cato
 Chairman's signature



Alaska State Legislature

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COMMITTEES:
FINANCE
RESOURCES
BUDGET AND AUDIT

MEMORANDUM

March 18, 1988

TO: Representative Fran Ulmer, Chair
House State Affairs Committee

FROM: Senator Jim Duncan

SUBJECT: SB 347 am "An act relating to the regulation of motorboat motor repairs".

I would like to ask that you schedule SB 347 am at your earliest convenience. SB 347 am amends the definition section of the current law relating to the Regulation of Motor Vehicle Repairs to include motorboat motors and defines motorboats and motorboat motors.

Currently under AS 45.45, motor vehicle repair, when a customer takes his motor vehicle to a shop for repair the customer may request a written estimate prior to the commencement of any repairs. Nothing in this section requires a shop to provide a price estimate if the shop does not agree to perform the requested repairs. If the shop has given the customer an estimate and the price for the authorized repairs exceeds the estimate, the shop must call the customer before continuing with the repairs and at that time the shop has the opportunity to give the customer a new estimate. Also if the customer requests, at the time the repair order is taken, the customer may elect to receive the parts of their motor vehicle that are replaced.

Essentially 45.45 Regulation of Motor Vehicle Repairs is a consumer protection law. SB 347 am will provide the same protection for boat owners as for motor vehicle owners under AS 45.45.

My office was contacted by an individual who needed to have his boat engine repaired. A verbal estimate by the boat dealership indicated the repairs would cost \$4,500.00. When the dealership was finished repairing the engine the total bill was over \$7,000.00. There was no indication to the owner at any time prior to the billing that the amount due would be over the original estimate.

With the large number of boat owners in our state and the fact that for many their boat is an important means of transportation, I believe this bill will extend the necessary protection for boat owners that currently exists for car owners.

TONGASS MARINE

P. O. BOX 1314 - PETERSBURG, ALASKA 99833 - (907) 772-3905

February 2, 1988

Senator Lloyd Jones
Box V
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Lloyd:

I just got wind of Senate Bill 347 dealing with the regulation of motorboat repairs.

I read over the proposed legislation, and it's a slap in the face to every marine repair shop in the state. Every shop I'm familiar with already abides by reputable business practices and I see no need to have them legislated. Unethical business practices are already covered under existing statutes.

I think there are more urgent priorities for the Legislature than passing laws telling marine repair shops how to run their business, and urge you to vote no on the above.

Sincerely,

Tongass Marine



John Murgas, Owner

**National Marine Manufacturers Association**2650 M St., N.W. - Suite 425
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(202) 296-4588

March 11, 1988

Representative Bette Cato
Chairperson
House Committee on Transportation
Alaska Legislature
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Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Chairperson Cato:

The National Marine Manufacturers Association, representing over 1300 boat and boat product manufacturers, wishes to express its support for Senata Bill No. 347, currently under consideration by your committee.

NMMA strongly supports requiring repair shops to provide customers with cost estimates before the repairs are begun. It is only fair and equitable to amend the law that protects consumers of motor vehicle repairs to persons in need of marine engine repairs.

Representative Cato, we urge you and the ^{House Transportation} ~~State Affairs~~ Committee to favorably report this legislation in the interests of safe and enjoyable boating in Alaska.

If you have questions or comments about this or any other boating-related matter, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy Linden".

Nancy Linden
Government Relations

