



# LAWS OF ALASKA

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## AN ACT

Relating to marine radio communications requirements.

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

\* Section 1. PURPOSE. The purpose of this Act is to protect the safety and welfare of people and property by requiring the use of a permanently attended radiotelephone on large vessels, sufficient to provide adequate communication in emergency or adverse weather conditions in order to diminish the possibility of collision in the territorial waters of the state.

\* Sec. 2. AS 30 is amended by adding a new chapter to read:

#### CHAPTER 7. MARINE RADIOTELEPHONE INSTALLATION.

Sec. 30.07.010. RADIOTELEPHONE INSTALLATION REQUIREMENTS FOR VESSELS IN EXCESS OF 200 GROSS TONS. In addition to applicable federal statutes and regulations, it is unlawful to operate a vessel of any type in excess of 200 gross tons in the territorial waters of the state unless a licensed VHF radio telephone installation equipped with at least five channels, including standard VHF calling and distress frequencies, or a standard marine radiotelephone equipped with at least five channels, including standard radiotelephone calling and distress frequencies, is installed and capable of being operated from the bridge or wheelhouse of the vessel. While the vessel is underway the radiotelephone shall be monitored at all times on the applicable standard calling and distress frequency by a person qualified to operate radio equipment of the type required by this section.

Sec. 30.07.020. REGULATIONS. The Department of Commerce may promulgate regulations, not in conflict with federal law or regulations, which establish standards for

marine communications in the state.

Sec. 30.07.030. PENALTIES. A master or owner of a vessel in operation which is in violation of this chapter, or a regulation promulgated under it, is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction is punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,000. Each day the violation continues constitutes a separate offense under this section.