

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 92(FSH)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES

Offered: 3/15/23

Referred: Labor and Commerce

Sponsor(s): HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to claims for injury, disability, or heart attack payable from the**
2 **fishermen's fund; and relating to claims against protection and indemnity insurance**
3 **policies of vessel owners."**

4 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

5 * **Section 1.** AS 23.35.140 is amended to read:

6 **Sec. 23.35.140. Limitation on benefits.** (a) Except for compelling reasons,

7 (1) compensation may not be paid for medical care or hospitalization
8 furnished before the ascertainable time of injury, or before authorization in the case of
9 disability caused by an occupational disease;

10 (2) the total allowance for any one injury or disablement is **\$15,000**
11 **[\$10,000].**

12 (b) The total allowance for any one heart attack is **\$15,000** **[\$10,000].**

13 * **Sec. 2.** AS 23.35.145 is amended to read:

14 **Sec. 23.35.145. Claim of vessel owner.** If a fisherman files a claim for

1 benefits under this chapter and also files a claim against the protection and indemnity
2 insurance policy of the vessel owner, the vessel owner is entitled to receive a benefit,
3 not to exceed the amount of the actual loss, that is the lesser of

4 (1) the full amount of the protection and indemnity insurance policy
5 deductible; or

6 (2) **\$15,000** [\$5,000].