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SENATE BILL NO.

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY

Introduced:
Referred:

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to the wages of people working in the fisheries business."**

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

3 * **Section 1.** AS 23.10 is amended by adding a new section to read:

4 **Sec. 23.10.072. Wages for fisheries businesses.** An employer who engages
5 in a fisheries business, as that term is defined in AS 43.75.290, may deduct an amount
6 that is reasonable and without profit to the employer each eight-hour paid day worked
7 from the applicable minimum wage paid to an employee working in the fisheries
8 business for the combined cost of board and lodging the employer furnishes to the
9 employee. A deduction up to \$15 each day for combined room and board is presumed
10 to be a reasonable amount without profit to the employer. The department shall allow
11 a deduction higher than \$15 each day for combined room and board if the employer
12 demonstrates to the department that the cost to the employee is reasonable and without
13 profit to the employer. A deduction made under this section may be made only if it is
14 based on a negotiated union agreement or a written agreement with the employee
15 entered into at the time of hire that specifies the daily rate of deductions for room and

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board.