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HOUSE BILL 2367

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1            AN ACT Relating to commercial fishing vessel safety; amending RCW  
2 75.28.035; creating a new section; and providing an effective date.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.**            The legislature finds that it is in the  
5 interest of the public to promote safety in commercial fishing  
6 operations.

7            **Sec. 2.**    RCW 75.28.035 and 1989 c 316 s 1 are each amended to read  
8 as follows:

9            An application for issuance or renewal of a commercial fishing  
10 license shall contain the name and address of the vessel owner, the  
11 name and address of the vessel operator, the name and number of the  
12 vessel, a description of the vessel and fishing gear to be carried on  
13 the vessel, and other information required by the department.    An

1 applicant and the applicant's commercial fishing vessel shall be in  
2 compliance with all federal law pertaining to fishing vessel safety.  
3 An applicant in compliance shall sign an affidavit stating such, which  
4 shall become a required part of the commercial fishing license  
5 application for renewal or issuance. The department shall provide to  
6 the applicant a list of required equipment with the application for  
7 issuance or renewal of the license. The director shall permanently  
8 revoke the license of successful applicants who are subsequently found  
9 not to be in compliance with the federal law.

10 At the time of issuance of a commercial fishing license the  
11 director shall furnish the licensee with a vessel registration and two  
12 license decals.

13 Vessel registrations and license decals issued by the director  
14 shall be displayed as provided by rule of the director.

15 A commercial fishing license is not valid if the vessel is operated  
16 by a person other than the operator listed on the license. The  
17 director may authorize additional operators for the license. Unless  
18 adjusted by the director pursuant to the director's authority granted  
19 in RCW 75.28.065, the fee for an additional operator is twenty dollars.

20 The vessel owner shall notify the director on forms provided by the  
21 department of changes of ownership or operator and a new license shall  
22 be issued upon payment of a fee of twenty dollars.

23 A defaced, mutilated, or lost license or license decal shall be  
24 replaced immediately. Unless adjusted by the director pursuant to the  
25 director's authority granted in RCW 75.28.065, the replacement fee is  
26 ten dollars.

27 NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. This act shall take effect January 1,  
28 1993.