

Alaska Association of Harbormasters and Port Administrators



RESOLUTION NO. 2016-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE ALASKA ASSOCIATION OF HARBORMASTERS AND PORT ADMINISTRATORS IN SUPPORT OF THE ADDITION OF PORT AND HARBOR EMPLOYEES TO THE LIST OF EMPLOYEES COVERED BY AS 12.55.135.

Whereas, State of Alaska statute AS 12.55.135. Sentences of Imprisonment for Misdemeanors establishes minimum terms of imprisonment for defendants convicted of assaulting or harassing uniformed or otherwise clearly identified peace officers, fire fighters, correctional employees, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, ambulance attendants or other emergency responders or medical professionals; and

Whereas, port and harbor employees in communities throughout the State of Alaska routinely perform enforcement and emergency response duties commensurate with those performed by peace officers, fire fighters, correctional employees, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, ambulance attendants or other emergency responders or medical professionals; and

Whereas, defendants convicted of assaulting or harassing port and harbor employees in several recent cases have received sentences well below the minimums established in AS 12.55.135 for defendants convicted of assaulting or harassing uniformed or otherwise clearly identified peace officers, fire fighters, correctional employees, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, ambulance attendants or other emergency responders or medical professionals; and

Whereas, the Alaska Association of Harbormaster and Port Administrators desires to strengthen the deterrent to unlawfully assault or harass port and harbor employees throughout the State of Alaska.

Now therefore be it resolved that the Membership of the Alaska Association of Harbormaster and Port Administrators supports the addition of port and harbor employees to the list of employees covered by State of Alaska statute AS 12.55.135. Sentences of Imprisonment for Misdemeanors, which establishes minimum terms of imprisonment for defendants convicted of assaulting or harassing uniformed or otherwise clearly identified peace officers, fire fighters,

correctional employees, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, ambulance attendants or other emergency responders or medical professionals.

Passed and approved by a duly constituted quorum of the Alaska Association of Harbormasters and Port Administrators on this 28th day of September, 2016.

Carl J. Uchytel, P.E.

Carl Uchytel, President

ATTEST:

Kim Elliot

Kim Elliot, Executive Secretary