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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 4, 2021

Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mr. SULLIVAN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Alaska Tourism Recov-
3 ery Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. VOYAGE DEEMED TO BE FOREIGN.**

5 (a) **CRITERIA.**—A roundtrip voyage transporting pas-
6 sengers between a port or place in the State of Alaska
7 and a port or place in the State of Washington is deemed
8 a foreign voyage for purposes of the law of the United
9 States, if the voyage—

10 (1) is made by a passenger vessel to which sec-
11 tions 3507 and 3508 of title 46, United State Code,
12 apply; and

13 (2) occurs during the period described in sub-
14 section (b).

15 (b) **DURATION OF APPLICABILITY.**—A voyage
16 deemed to be a foreign voyage under subsection (a) is a
17 voyage which begins not later than any date prior to Feb-
18 ruary 28, 2022, on which the Government of Canada or
19 its political subdivisions, or any port or province in Can-
20 ada, prohibits a passenger vessel to which sections 3507
21 and 3508 of title 46, United State Code, apply from enter-
22 ing, berthing, or docking in Canadian waters of the Pacific
23 Coast due to the COVID–19 pandemic.

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