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HOUSE BILL 28

Version A

"An Act relating to the registration of commercial vessels; and providing for an effective date."

SECTIONAL ANALYSIS
(Revised 3.20.21)

Section One

Amends **AS 05.25.055(i)** to exempt commercial vessels with a valid license issued by the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission, under **AS 16.05.490 or AS 16.05.530,** from the provision that requires owners to register their vessel with the Division of Motor Vehicles and display the registration number issued by the Division.

Section Two

Amends **AS 05.25.056(a),** the existing Division of Motor Vehicles titling statute, to clarify that undocumented registered Commercial Fishing Entry Commission licensed vessels, will still be required to title through the Division of Motor Vehicles.

Section Three

Adds a new section to **AS 16.05.475,** that assesses a new annual $8 registration fee for vessels licensed with the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission. This is in lieu of the current 3-year $24 fee collected by the Division of Motor Vehicles at the time of registration or registration renewal.

The fee will be accounted for separately for as provided in **AS 05.25.096(b)**, to be made available for use by the Department of Administration.

Section Four

Adds a new section to the uncodified law of the State of Alaska which makes the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission waive the $8 dollar registration fees for calendar year 2022 for vessel owners that already paid the registration fee to the Division of Motor Vehicles for 2020.

Additionally, the commission will waive the $8 registration fee for both calendar year 2022 and 2023 if a vessel owner has paid their registration fee to the Division of Motor Vehicles in 2021.

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This section ensures that as vessel owners' transition to paying an extra $8 to register with the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission, that do not pay the Commission for the years they have already registered for with the Division of Motor Vehicles.

Section Five

Adds a new section to the uncodified law of Alaska to make section one of this act retroactive to January 1, 2021.

Section Six

Makes section three of this act effective as of January 1, 2022. This is necessary because vessels are registered, or registrations are renewed, with the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission every calendar year.

Section Seven

Establishes an immediate effective date for the remainder of the bill.