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SB 103: AMHS Operations & Planning Board Sectional Analysis

Section 1 – AS 19.65.011 is amended to change the name of the Alaska Marine Transportation Advisory Board (MTAB) to the Alaska Marine Highway System Operation and Planning Board. A short-term plan (for the development and improvement of the Alaska marine highway system) is also added to the department's current statutory responsibility for development of a long-term plan.

Section 2 – AS 19.65 is amended by adding a new subsection to establish the new Alaska Marine Highway System Operation and Planning Board in subsection 210; outline Board membership and terms in subsection 220; speak to officers and a quorum in subsection 230; stipulated meeting rules in subsection 240; address per diem and expenses in subsection 250; address record inspection/copying in subsection 260; establish the Department of Law as the Boards' legal assistance in subsection 270; document the Boards' powers, duties and functions in subsection 280; establish that the Department of Transportation & Public Facilities will provide staff support to the Board in subsection 290; and define the word 'Board' for purposes of AS 19.65 in subsection 295.

Section 3 - repeals existing subsections 110 - 195 within chapter 65 which speak to the old MTAB.

Section 4 – adds a new section to the uncodified law of the State of Alaska to establish staggered terms for Board members and identify that former MTAB members are not prohibited from being reappointed to the new Alaska Marine Highway System Operation and Planning Board.

Section 5 - adds a new section to the uncodified law of the State of Alaska to establish a deadline of September 1, 2021, for the Board's initial reports, as required under Section 2 of the proposal, to the governor.

Section 6 - establishes an immediate effective date.

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