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**HOUSE BILL 28****Version I**

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

**EXPLANATION OF CHANGES**

(Version B to Version I - Revised 5.4.21)

House Bill 28 was amended in the House Finance Committee to remove the exemption for undocumented vessels from the bill. With the amendment, undocumented vessels would still be required to register with the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV), while only vessels with a valid certificate of documentation issued by the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) and that have a valid permit issued by the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission (CFEC) would be exempt from registering with the DMV.

The USCG depends on DMV registration to track undocumented motorized vessels and the lending agencies also sometimes use the DMV numbers to find liens on undocumented vessels. For these reasons it does not make sense to exempt undocumented vessels from registering with DMV.

The specific changes in the CS for House Bill 28(FIN) are below.

- Section one was amended on page two line 10-11, to no longer include undocumented commercial fishing vessels as exempt from registering with the DMV.
- Section two of version B was deleted, since it only applied to undocumented vessels and they are no longer included in the bill.
- Section two of version I was amended so that the CFEC will only assess documented vessels the \$8 annual fee. This was done, because with this amendment, undocumented vessels would still be registering with DMV and paying the \$24 fee every three years.