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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 VESSEL REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

Current and With the Passage of HB 28

(Revised 5.7.21)

House Bill 28 exempts active commercial fishing vessels from duplicative registration requirement created by the passage of SB 92, “the derelict vessel bill,” in 2018. Specifically, the bill removes the requirement for U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) documented vessels with a current Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission (CFEC) license to register every three years with the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV).

COMMERCIAL FISHING VESSEL LICENSING REQUIREMENTS

Type of Vessel	Federal Annual Certificate of Documentation (USCG)	Annual Alaska Fishery Registration (CFEC)	Alaska Registration (Every 3 Years) (DMV)	Title Agency (USCG and DMV)
Federally Documented Commercial Fishing Vessel	X	X	(Added in 2019 and will be removed by HB 28)	USCG
Undocumented Commercial Fishing Vessel	-	X	X	DMV (New in 2019)
Federally Documented Recreational and Commercial Vessels not Registered with CFEC	X	-	X (New in 2019)	USCG
Undocumented Recreational and Commercial Vessels not Registered with CFEC	-	-	X	DMV (New in 2019)