

# Alaska State Legislature

## House Fisheries Committee

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### **HOUSE BILL 28**

#### **Version G**

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

### **SECTIONAL ANALYSIS**

(Revised 2.22.22)

#### **Section One**

Amends **AS 05.25.055(i)** to exempt documented commercial vessels with a valid certificate of documentation issued by the United States Coast Guard and a 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.

#### **Section Two**

Adds a new section to **AS 16.05.475**, that assesses a new additional annual \$8 registration fee for documented vessels licensed with the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission, beginning January 1, 2023. 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 Departments of Administration, Natural Resources and Commerce, Community and Economic Development for boating safety and to the derelict vessel fund.

#### **Section Three**

Adds a new section to the uncodified law of the State of Alaska which requires the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission waive the \$8 dollar registration fee for calendar years vessel owners have already paid the Division of Motor Vehicles.

This section ensures that as vessel owners do not pay the Commission for the years, they have already registered for with the Division of Motor Vehicles.

#### **Section Four**

Adds a new section to the uncodified law of Alaska to make section one of this act retroactive to January 1, 2022.

#### **Section Five**

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