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House Bill 366

Use of Heavy Petroleum as Marine Fuel

Explanation of Changes

(version N to G)

Version G of HB 366 clarifies that the restrictions on the use of heavy petroleum fuel oil only applies to large commercial passenger vessels.

Sec. 1: **AS 30.35.010**: Removes “vessel” and replaces it with “large commercial passenger vessel” so that the prohibition on using heavy petroleum fuel oil specifically applies to large commercial passenger vessels as opposed to vessels more broadly.

AS 30.35.020: Updates “vessel” to “large commercial passenger vessel” to specify that the heavy petroleum fuel oil restrictions do not apply to large commercial passenger vessels during an ocean-going voyage that consists of continuous and expeditious navigation through applicable waters for the purpose of traversing the applicable waters without entering navigable river or waterways within the state or an arm of the sea or ocean that expends inland to meet the mouth of a river

Updates “vessel” to “large commercial passenger vessel” so that the prohibition also does not apply to a large commercial passenger vessel using heavy petroleum fuel oil in an emergency, to avoid imminent emergency, or for the purpose of rendering assistance to a person, vessel, or aircraft in danger or distress.

AS 30.35.030: Updates “vessel” to “large commercial passenger vessel” which will grant the Department of Environmental Conservation the authority to issue fines that a person may be required to pay for operating a large commercial passenger vessel using heavy petroleum fuel oil in an auxiliary engine or main engine.

AS. 30.35.050: Deletes the definition of “vessel” and replaces it with the definition of “large commercial passenger vessel.” Large commercial passenger vessel means a commercial passenger vessel that provides overnight accommodations for 250 or more passengers for hire, determined with reference to the number of lower berths.

Sec. 2: **AS 46.03.020(15)**: Replaces “vessel” with “large commercial passenger vessel” so that the Department of Environmental Conservation can monitor, observe, and record

data and information related to large commercial passenger vessels in applicable waters.

Sec. 4: Updates the word “vessel” to “large commercial passenger vessel” to allow for the Department of Environmental Conservation to exempt a large commercial passenger vessel operating before January 1, 2030, from the heavy petroleum fuel oil requirements laid out in section 1 if at the time section 1 takes effect, the large commercial passenger vessel is not equipped to convert to using an alternative fuel source.