

**HOUSE BILL NO. 31**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

**BY REPRESENTATIVES STUTES, Kopp, Himschoot, Galvin, Schrage**

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**Referred: House Special Committee on Fisheries, Finance**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1   **"An Act relating to the registration of commercial vessels; and relating to the derelict**  
2   **vessel prevention program fund."**

3   **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4    \* **Section 1.** AS 05.25.055(i) is amended to read:

5           (i) The following boats are exempt from the numbering and registration  
6           provisions of this section:

7               (1) a boat that

8                       (A) is not a barge;

9                       (B) is operated in this state for a period not exceeding 90  
10           consecutive days; and

11                      (C) has a current, valid certificate of number issued by another  
12           state having a federally approved numbering system;

13               (2) a foreign boat operated in water of the state for a period not  
14           exceeding 90 consecutive days;

(3) a boat owned by the United States or an entity or political subdivision of the United States, or a boat owned by a state or an entity or political subdivision of a state;

(4) a boat that is not equipped with mechanical propulsion;

(5) a boat with a valid document to operate the boat that is issued by a foreign government;

(6) a handmade nonmotorized umiaq with a walrus or sealskin covering;

(7) **a commercial vessel that has a valid**

**(A) certificate of documentation issued by the United States**

**Coast Guard under 46 U.S.C. 12101 - 12121; and**

**(B) license issued under AS 16.05.490 or 16.05.530;**

**(8)** a boat that

(A) is a barge;

(B) is operated in this state for a period not exceeding 60 consecutive days; and

(C) has a current, valid certificate of number issued by another state having a federally approved numbering system.

\* **Sec. 2.** AS 30.30.055(d) is amended to read:

(d) A state agency or municipality shall apply the proceeds from the sale of a vessel under this chapter in the following order:

(1) to the administrative costs associated with impounding the vessel;

(2) to the costs of towing, handling, and storing the vessel;

(3) to the administrative costs of conducting the sale;

(4) to a lienholder to the extent of the lien;

(5) to the owner of the vessel if the owner can be found; if the owner cannot be found, the balance shall be deposited into the **general fund** [DERELICT VESSEL PREVENTION PROGRAM FUND UNDER AS 30.30.096].

\* **Sec. 3.** AS 30.30.095, 30.30.096; and AS 37.05.146(c)(79) are repealed.

\* **Sec. 4.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to read:

1           TRANSITION. Subject to appropriation, the balance of the derelict vessel prevention  
2 program fund established under AS 30.30.096 and repealed by sec. 3 of this Act lapses into  
3 the general fund.