

**AMENDMENT**

OFFERED IN THE HOUSE

TO: CSHB 134(CRA)

1 Page 1, line 2, following "water;":

2 Insert "establishing a science advisory panel on wastewater treatment in the  
3 Department of Environmental Conservation;"

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5 Page 1, following line 4:

6 Insert a new bill section to read:

7 "\*\* Section 1. The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section  
8 to read:

9 LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the legislature that the minimum standards  
10 for the terms and conditions of wastewater discharge permits for large commercial passenger  
11 vessels meet all applicable state and federal effluent limits or standards, including Alaska  
12 Water Quality Standards, governing pollution at the point of discharge if the Department of  
13 Environmental Conservation, in consultation with its science advisory panel on wastewater  
14 treatment, determines that compliance with those limits or standards is technologically and  
15 economically feasible."

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17 Page 1, line 5:

18 Delete "Section 1"

19 Insert "Sec. 2"

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21 Page 1, line 11:

22 Delete "[AT THE POINT OF DISCHARGE]"

23 Insert "at the point of discharge, except as provided in 46.03.462(e)."

Page 2, line 9:

Delete all material and insert:

**"\* Sec. 3.** AS 46.03.462 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

(e) When issuing, reissuing, renewing or modifying a permit required under (a)(1) of this section, the department may include effluent limits or standards less stringent than those required under (b)(1) of this section if the department finds that a permittee is using methods of pollution prevention, control and treatment found by the department to be the most effective, technologically and economically feasible in controlling all wastes and other substances in the discharge but is unable to achieve compliance with Alaska Water Quality Standards at the point of discharge.

(f) In developing an effluent limit or standard under (e) of this section, the department shall

(1) require use of methods of pollution prevention, control and treatment found by the department to be the most effective, technologically economically feasible; and

(2) apply all other applicable provisions of state law and this section.

(g) When reissuing, renewing or modifying a permit required under this section that was issued after the effective date of this bill section, the department may not include effluent limits or standards less stringent than the comparable effluent limitations in a previous permit issued under this section.

(h) Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit the authority of the department to

(1) restrict the areas in which discharges permitted under this section may occur; or

(2) impose additional terms and conditions on the manner in which discharges permitted under this section may be made in a specific area.

**\* Sec. 4.** AS 46.03 is amended by adding a new section to read:

**Sec. 46.03.464 Advisory panel on wastewater treatment; commissioner's reports to the legislature.** (a) A science advisory panel is established in the department. The panel consists of members selected by the commissioner. Members of

the panel serve without compensation but are entitled to transportation expenses and per diem as authorized for members of boards and commissions under AS 39.20.180.

(b) The panel shall

(1) meet at the call of the commissioner and give public notice of meetings of the panel as required under AS 44.62.310 and 44.62.312;

(2) hold one or more public conferences or workshops; and

(3) assist and advise the commissioner in conducting the analyses and preparing the reports required in (c) and (d) of this section.

(c) On or before January 1, 2012, the commissioner, in consultation with the panel, shall provide a preliminary report to the legislature that summarizes

(1) methods of pollution prevention, control and treatment in use and the level of effluent quality achieved by commercial passenger vessels;

(2) additional methods of pollution prevention, control and treatment that could be employed to provide the most effective, technologically and economically feasible measures to control all wastes and other substances in the discharge; and

(3) the environmental benefit and cost of implementing additional methods of pollution prevention, control and treatment identified in (c)(2) of this section.

(d) On or before January 1, 2014, the commissioner, in consultation with the panel, shall provide a final report to the legislature that includes the topics identified in (c)(1) - (3) of this section.

**\* Sec. 5.** AS 46.03.465 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(h) On request, the owner or operator of a commercial passenger vessel discharging wastewater under AS 46.03.462(b) shall provide the department with information relating to wastewater treatment, pollution avoidance, and pollution reduction measures used on the vessel, including testing and evaluation procedures and economic and technical feasibility analyses.

**\* Sec. 6.** AS 46.03.464 is repealed.

**\* Sec. 7.** Section 6 of this Act takes effect June 1, 2014.

**\* Sec. 8.** Sections 1 through 5 of this Act take effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c)."