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Sectional Analysis

SB 3 - "An Act relating to the regulation of wastewater discharge from small commercial passenger vessels in state waters; relating to art requirements for certain public facilities; and providing for an effective date."

- SECTION 1** Amends AS 46.03.462(a) to allow an operator to discharge treated sewage, greywater, or other wastewater into marine waters under a plan approved under AS 46.03.462(k), which is added in Section 4 of the bill.
- SECTION 2** Amends AS 46.03.462(b) to conform with the addition of AS 46.03.462(a)(2), by Section 1 of the bill.
- SECTION 3** Amends AS 46.03.462(e) to conform with the addition of AS 46.03.462(a)(2), by Section 1 of the bill.
- SECTION 4** Adds a new subsection, (k), to AS 46.03.462 that allows an owner or operator of a small commercial passenger vessel to discharge treated sewage, greywater, or other wastewater into marine waters under a plan for alternative terms and conditions for vessel discharges, instead of a traditional permit under AS 46.03.100, if DEC finds that the plan incorporates the best management practices for protecting the environment to the maximum extent feasible. Limits DEC's authority to require a vessel owner to retrofit the vessel. Allows DEC to approve a plan and adopt regulations to implement the subsection.
- SECTION 5** Allows a person to discharge certain sewage into marine waters under a plan approved under AS 46.03.462(k), added by Section 4 of the bill.
- SECTION 6** Allows a person to discharge certain greywater and wastewater into marine waters under a plan approved under AS 46.03.462(k), added by Section 4 of the bill.

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- SECTION 7** Adds a new subsection, (i), to AS 46.03.465 that allows DEC to exempt a small commercial passenger vessel owner or operator from certain data gathering requirements if the owner or operator has a plan for alternative terms and conditions for vessel discharges under AS 46.03.462(k), added by Section 4 of the bill.
- SECTION 8** Exempts the two Alaska Class ferries from AS 35.27.020.
- SECTION 9** Exempts Tustemena replacement vessel from AS 35.27.020.
- SECTION 10** Makes Section 8 retroactive to September 1, 2014.
- SECTION 11** Gives bill an immediate effective date.

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