

HOUSE BILL NO. 28

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES

Introduced: 2/18/21

Referred: House Special Committee on Fisheries, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to the registration of commercial vessels; and providing for an effective**
2 **date."**

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 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 05.25.056(a) is amended to read:

(a) Except as provided under (f) of this section, the owner of an undocumented boat subject to registration in this state under AS 05.25.055, **or exempt from registration under AS 05.25.055(i)(7),** shall apply to the Department of Administration for a certificate of title for the boat.

* **Sec. 3.** AS 16.05.475 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

(e) The Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission shall assess a commercial fishing vessel registration fee of \$8 a year.

(f) Fees collected under (e) of this section shall be separately accounted for as provided in AS 05.25.096(b).

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

TRANSITION. The Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission shall waive the commercial fishing vessel registration fee imposed under sec. 3 of this Act for

(1) calendar year 2022 for a commercial fishing vessel for which registration

1 fees were paid in calendar year 2020 under AS 05.25.096(a)(1);

2 (2) calendar years 2022 and 2023 for a commercial fishing vessel for which
3 registration fees were paid in calendar year 2021 under AS 05.25.096(a)(1).

4 * **Sec. 5.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
5 read:

6 **RETROACTIVITY.** Section 1 of this Act is retroactive to January 1, 2021.

7 * **Sec. 6.** Section 3 of this Act takes effect January 1, 2022.

8 * **Sec. 7.** Except as provided in sec. 6 of this Act, this Act takes effect immediately under
9 AS 01.10.070(c).