

HOUSE BILL NO. 19

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Referred: House Special Committee on Fisheries, Resources

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;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

13 **(8)** a boat that

14 (A) is a barge;

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

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

19 * **Sec. 2.** AS 16.05.475 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

20 (e) Beginning January 1, 2024, the Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry
21 Commission shall assess a registration fee of \$8 a year for a commercial fishing vessel
22 that has a certificate of documentation issued by the United States Coast Guard under
23 46 U.S.C. 12101 - 12121.

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

26 * **Sec. 3.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
27 read:

28 TRANSITION. The Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission shall waive the
29 commercial fishing vessel registration fee imposed under sec. 2 of this Act for

30 (1) calendar year 2024 for a commercial fishing vessel for which registration
31 fees were paid in calendar year 2022 under AS 05.25.096(a)(1);

1 (2) calendar years 2024 and 2025 for a commercial fishing vessel for which
2 registration fees were paid in calendar year 2023 under AS 05.25.096(a)(1).

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

5 RETROACTIVITY. Section 1 of this Act is retroactive to January 1, 2023.

6 * **Sec. 5.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).