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CS for House Bill 19

Sponsor Statement

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"An Act relating to the registration of commercial vessels."

House Bill 19 exempts documented vessels from duplicative registration requirements created by the passage of SB 92, "the derelict vessel bill," in 2018.

Specifically, the bill removes the requirement for U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) documented vessels to register every three years with the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV).

Prior to the passage of SB 92, USCG documented vessels were exempt from DMV registration; however, that exemption was repealed by the bill and as a result, documented vessels now must register with the DMV.

Alaska's commercial fishing fleet is the backbone of one of our state's most vital industries. We should not require those vessels to register every three years with the DMV, at additional expense, only to provide information that the State already has through the vessel's annual license renewal process.

If you have any questions, please contact my staff, Donna Fox Page at 465-3271 or donna.page@akleg.gov.