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SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 19(FIN)
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Offered:
Referred:

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES STUTES, Vance, Himschoot, Hannan, Schrage, Ortiz, Story, Cronk, Galvin

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

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

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

*** Section 1.** AS 05.25.055(i) is amended to read:

(i) The following boats are exempt from the numbering and registration provisions of this section:

(1) a boat that

(A) is not a barge;

(B) is operated in this state for a period not exceeding 90 consecutive days; and

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

(2) a foreign boat operated in water of the state for a period not 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**

(A) certificate of documentation issued by the United States Coast Guard under 46 U.S.C. 12101 - 12121; and

(B) 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 16.05.475 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

(e) Beginning January 1, 2025, the Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission shall assess a registration fee of \$8 a year for a commercial fishing vessel that has a certificate of documentation issued by the United States Coast Guard under 46 U.S.C. 12101 - 12121.

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