

HOUSE BILL NO. 251

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Referred: Labor and Commerce, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act exempting certain foreign pleasure craft from the mandatory pilotage**
2 **requirement."**

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

4 *** Section 1.** AS 08.62.180 is amended to read:

5 **Sec. 08.62.180. Exemptions.** This chapter does not apply to

6 (1) vessels subject to federal pilot requirements under 46 U.S.C. 8502
7 except as provided in AS 08.62.185;

8 (2) fishing vessels, including fish processing and fish tender vessels,
9 registered in the United States or in British Columbia, Canada;

10 (3) vessels propelled by machinery and not more than 65 feet in length
11 over deck, except tugboats and towboats propelled by steam;

12 (4) vessels of United States registry of less than 300 gross tons and
13 towboats of United States registry and vessels owned by the State of Alaska, engaged
14 exclusively

- 1 (A) on the rivers of Alaska; or
- 2 (B) in the coastwise trade on the west or north coast of the
- 3 United States including Alaska and Hawaii, and including British Columbia,
- 4 Yukon Territory, and Northwest Territories, Canada;
- 5 (5) vessels of Canada, built in Canada and manned by Canadian
- 6 citizens, engaged in frequent trade between
- 7 (A) British Columbia and Southeastern Alaska south of 58
- 8 degrees, 10 minutes North latitude, if reciprocal exemptions are granted by
- 9 Canada to vessels owned by the State of Alaska and those of United States
- 10 registry; or
- 11 (B) northern Alaska north of 68 degrees, 7 minutes North
- 12 latitude and Yukon Territory or Northwest Territories;
- 13 (6) pleasure craft of United States registry; [AND]
- 14 (7) pleasure craft of foreign registry of less than 300 gross tons as
- 15 measured under 46 C.F.R. 69.51 - 69.75; **and**
- 16 **(8) pleasure craft of foreign registry of less than 200 feet in length**
- 17 **overall that are issued an exemption from this chapter under (b) of this section.**

18 * **Sec. 2.** AS 08.62.180 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

19 (b) Upon written application by the owner or an agent of the owner of the

20 pleasure craft, the board may issue an exemption from this chapter to a pleasure craft

21 of foreign registry that is not more than 200 feet in length overall. The application

22 must contain the name, address, and telephone number of the applicant; the name,

23 address, and telephone number of the owner of the vessel; a general description of the

24 vessel, including nationality, home port, hull number, length, displacement, and

25 general condition; the purpose of the visit to the state; the names and addresses of the

26 master, crew, and passengers on the vessel; a description of the experience of the

27 master and crew in the water of the state; the names of the crew members who speak

28 English; the type and quantity of fuel and other hazardous substances carried on the

29 vessel; a description of the communications and navigation equipment carried on the

30 vessel; and a description of propulsion, communications, or navigation equipment on

31 the vessel that is not operational.