

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 251(L&C)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE LABOR AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE

Offered: 4/25/03

Referred: Finance

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES DAHLSTROM, Harris, Hawker

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to pilotage of certain foreign pleasure craft."**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

14 (A) on the rivers of Alaska; or

15 (B) in the coastwise trade on the west or north coast of the

1 United States including Alaska and Hawaii, and including British Columbia,
2 Yukon Territory, and Northwest Territories, Canada;

3 (5) vessels of Canada, built in Canada and manned by Canadian
4 citizens, engaged in frequent trade between

5 (A) British Columbia and Southeastern Alaska on the inside
6 water of Southeastern Alaska south of 59 degrees, 29 minutes North latitude, if
7 reciprocal exemptions are granted by Canada to vessels owned by the State of
8 Alaska and those of United States registry; or

9 (B) northern Alaska north of 68 degrees, 7 minutes North
10 latitude and Yukon Territory or Northwest Territories;

11 (6) pleasure craft of United States registry;

12 (7) pleasure craft of foreign registry of less than **20 meters in length**
13 **overall** [300 GROSS TONS AS MEASURED UNDER 46 C.F.R. 69.51 - 69.75]; and

14 (8) vessels of the Canadian Navy or Canadian Coast Guard that have a
15 home port in British Columbia, Canada, while navigating the inside water of
16 Southeastern Alaska.

17 * **Sec. 2.** AS 08.62 is amended by adding a new section to read:

18 **Sec. 08.62.182. Pilotage of certain pleasure craft of foreign registry.** The
19 operator of a pleasure craft of foreign registry of 20 meters or more in length overall,
20 but not more than 53 meters in length overall, shall, before entering state water beyond
21 Alaska pilot stations, employ a pilot licensed by the state under this chapter and shall
22 proceed to a port of entry designated by the board. Except as otherwise provided by
23 the board by regulation, while in state water, a vessel subject to this section is not
24 required to employ a pilot after discharging the marine pilot at the designated port of
25 entry. Before entering state water, the owner or operator of the vessel shall arrange for
26 pilotage services to a designated port of entry through an agent who is registered with
27 the board. The operator of a vessel subject to this section shall follow procedures
28 established by the board for clearing state water before the vessel leaves the state.