

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 28(FIN)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Offered: 5/3/21

Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES

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;

(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, 2022, 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).

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

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

(1) calendar year 2022 for a commercial fishing vessel for which registration fees were paid in calendar year 2020 under AS 05.25.096(a)(1);

1 (2) calendar years 2022 and 2023 for a commercial fishing vessel for which
2 registration fees were paid in calendar year 2021 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, 2021.

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