

(LIMITED RUN SHOWING ALL ADDITIONAL SPONSORSHIPS)

**HOUSE BILL NO. 31**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

**BY REPRESENTATIVES STUTES, Kopp, Himschoot, Galvin, Schrage**

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**Referred: House Special Committee on Fisheries, Finance**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to the registration of commercial vessels; and relating to the derelict**  
2 **vessel prevention program fund."**

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;

1 (3) a boat owned by the United States or an entity or political  
 2 subdivision of the United States, or a boat owned by a state or an entity or political  
 3 subdivision of a state;

4 (4) a boat that is not equipped with mechanical propulsion;

5 (5) a boat with a valid document to operate the boat that is issued by a  
 6 foreign government;

7 (6) a handmade nonmotorized umiaq with a walrus or sealskin  
 8 covering;

9 (7) **a commercial vessel that has a valid**

10 **(A) certificate of documentation issued by the United States**

11 **Coast Guard under 46 U.S.C. 12101 - 12121; and**

12 **(B) license issued under AS 16.05.490 or 16.05.530;**

13 **(8)** a boat that

14 (A) is a barge;

15 (B) is operated in this state for a period not exceeding 60  
 16 consecutive days; and

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

19 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 30.30.055(d) is amended to read:

20 (d) A state agency or municipality shall apply the proceeds from the sale of a  
 21 vessel under this chapter in the following order:

22 (1) to the administrative costs associated with impounding the vessel;

23 (2) to the costs of towing, handling, and storing the vessel;

24 (3) to the administrative costs of conducting the sale;

25 (4) to a lienholder to the extent of the lien;

26 (5) to the owner of the vessel if the owner can be found; if the owner  
 27 cannot be found, the balance shall be deposited into the **general fund** [DERELICT  
 28 VESSEL PREVENTION PROGRAM FUND UNDER AS 30.30.096].

29 \* **Sec. 3.** AS 30.30.095, 30.30.096; and AS 37.05.146(c)(79) are repealed.

30 \* **Sec. 4.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
 31 read:

1           TRANSITION. Subject to appropriation, the balance of the derelict vessel prevention  
2 program fund established under AS 30.30.096 and repealed by sec. 3 of this Act lapses into  
3 the general fund.