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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Relating to marine sanitation re-

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quirements imposed by U.S. Coast

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Guard regulations.

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

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WHEREAS in 1972 Congress enacted 33 U.S.C. 1322 which directed the U.S.

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Coast Guard to adopt regulations requiring the installation of sewage holding

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or treatment devices on vessels using navigable waters; and

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WHEREAS on February 1, 1980, U.S. Coast Guard regulations went into

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effect which require the owners of vessels constructed before January 30,

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1975, to install sewage treatment or holding devices on board their vessels;

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WHEREAS these regulations are intended to prevent the pollution of the

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marine environment by prohibiting the discharge of raw or untreated sewage;

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WHEREAS the vessels in Alaska to which these regulations apply are not

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numerous enough to endanger the marine environment if they continue to

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operate without sewage treatment or holding devices; and

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WHEREAS the cost of complying with these regulations is causing hardship

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for all persons in Alaska who own small vessels, and particularly those who

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must rely on their vessels to earn a living by hunting and fishing;

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BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that Congress is respect-

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fully requested to amend 33 U.S.C. 1322 to allow vessels constructed before

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January 30, 1975 to operate in Alaska coastal waters without sewage treatment

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or holding devices.

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COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Jimmy Carter,

1 President of the United States; Admiral John B. Hayes, Commandant of the U.S.
2 Coast Guard; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel,
3 U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of
4 the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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