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Referred: Health, Education  
& Social Services

1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 54

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to marine sanitation re-  
6 quirements imposed by U.S. Coast  
7 Guard regulations.

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

9 WHEREAS in 1972 Congress enacted 33 U.S.C. 1322 which directed the U.S.  
10 Coast Guard to adopt regulations requiring the installation of sewage holding  
11 or treatment devices on vessels using navigable waters; and

12 WHEREAS on February 1, 1980, U.S. Coast Guard regulations went into  
13 effect which require the owners of vessels constructed before January 30,  
14 1975, to install sewage treatment or holding devices on board their vessels;  
15 and

16 WHEREAS these regulations are intended to prevent the pollution of the  
17 marine environment by prohibiting the discharge of raw or untreated sewage;  
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19 WHEREAS the vessels in Alaska to which these regulations apply are not  
20 numerous enough to endanger the marine environment if they continue to  
21 operate without sewage treatment or holding devices; and

22 WHEREAS the cost of complying with these regulations is causing hardship  
23 for all persons in Alaska who own small vessels, and particularly those who  
24 must rely on their vessels to earn a living by hunting and fishing;

25 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that Congress is respect-  
26 fully requested to amend 33 U.S.C. 1322 to allow vessels constructed before  
27 January 30, 1975 to operate in Alaska coastal waters without sewage treatment  
28 or holding devices.

29 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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