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Relating to expansion of the period during which older Alaskans may travel free on the state marine highway system.

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

WHEREAS, since 1974, in response to House Concurrent Resolution No. 52, the state marine highway system has provided for travel on ferries by persons 65 years of age or older on a space-available basis within Alaska without charge during the months of November to April, inclusive; and

WHEREAS this service has been used by increasing numbers of older Alaskans, permitting travel on the marine highway system at no cost while increasing the number of foot passengers and revenues from ancillary services on vessels of the system; and

WHEREAS the "off-season" travel months for the marine highway system overlap the free period for senior citizens by one month at each end of the fare period; and

WHEREAS, on the basis of records of passenger service maintained by the division of marine highways, it appears that the division could accommodate extension of the free period for older Alaskans by two months, to correspond to the dates of "off-season" schedules for the ferry system, with little or no detriment to the services provided all passengers;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests the Governor to direct the division of marine highways to expand the period during which older Alaskans may travel on vessels of the marine highway system without charge from October 1 to the following May 15 annually.