

**CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 19(FIN)**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

**BY THE HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**Offered: 4/26/24**

**Referred: Rules**

**Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES STUTES, Vance, Himschoot, Hannan, Schrage, Ortiz**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to the registration of commercial vessels."**

2 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

3 **\* Section 1.** AS 05.25.055(i) is amended to read:

4 (i) The following boats are exempt from the numbering and registration  
5 provisions of this section:

6 (1) a boat that

7 (A) is not a barge;

8 (B) is operated in this state for a period not exceeding 90  
9 consecutive days; and

10 (C) has a current, valid certificate of number issued by another  
11 state having a federally approved numbering system;

12 (2) a foreign boat operated in water of the state for a period not  
13 exceeding 90 consecutive days;

14 (3) a boat owned by the United States or an entity or political  
15 subdivision of the United States, or a boat owned by a state or an entity or political

1 subdivision of a state;

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

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

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

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

8 **(A) certificate of documentation issued by the United States**  
9 **Coast Guard under 46 U.S.C. 12101 - 12121; and**

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

11 **(8)** a boat that

12 (A) is a barge;

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

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

17 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 16.05.475 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

18 (e) Beginning January 1, 2025, the Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry  
19 Commission shall assess a registration fee of \$8 a year for a commercial fishing vessel  
20 that has a certificate of documentation issued by the United States Coast Guard under  
21 46 U.S.C. 12101 - 12121.

22 (f) Fees collected under (e) of this section shall be separately accounted for as  
23 provided in AS 05.25.096(b).