

**CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 185(FIN)**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

**BY THE HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**Offered: 3/16/20**

**Referred: Rules**

**Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES STUTES, Kreiss-Tomkins, Vance**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to the registration of commercial vessels; and providing for an effective**  
2 **date."**

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 license issued under**  
 10 **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 05.25.056(a) is amended to read:

18 (a) Except as provided under (f) of this section, the owner of an undocumented  
 19 boat subject to registration in this state under AS 05.25.055, **or exempt from**  
 20 **registration under AS 05.25.055(i)(7),** shall apply to the Department of  
 21 Administration for a certificate of title for the boat.

22 \* **Sec. 3.** AS 16.05.475 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

23 (e) The Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission shall assess a  
 24 commercial fishing vessel registration fee of \$8 a year.

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

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

29 TRANSITION. The Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission shall waive the  
 30 commercial fishing vessel registration fee imposed under sec. 3 of this Act for

31 (1) calendar year 2021 for a commercial fishing vessel for which registration

1 fees were paid in calendar year 2019 under AS 05.25.096(a)(1);  
2 (2) calendar years 2021 and 2022 for a commercial fishing vessel for which  
3 registration fees were paid in calendar year 2020 under AS 05.25.096(a)(1).

4 \* **Sec. 5.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
5 read:

6 **RETROACTIVITY.** Section 1 of this Act is retroactive to January 1, 2020.

7 \* **Sec. 6.** Section 3 of this Act takes effect January 1, 2021.

8 \* **Sec. 7.** Except as provided in sec. 6 of this Act, this Act takes effect immediately under  
9 AS 01.10.070(c).