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Sponsors: Senator Albertson.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO ADD TO THE AUTHORIZED USES OF DESIGNATED BOATING FUNDS BY THE WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION AND TO INCREASE FEES FOR BOAT CERTIFICATES OF NUMBER.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 75A-3(c) reads as rewritten:

"(c) All moneys collected pursuant to the numbering and titling provisions of this Chapter and pursuant to G.S. 105-446.2 shall be deposited in the State treasury and credited to a special fund known as the Wildlife Resources Fund ~~and as provided by G.S. 143-250. The said moneys~~ These funds shall be made available to the Wildlife Resources Commission, subject to the Executive Budget Act and the Personnel Act, for the administration and enforcement of this ~~Article, Chapter and of Article 24 of Chapter 143;~~ for activities relating to boating and water safety including education and waterway marking and ~~improvement,~~ improvement; and for boating access area acquisition, development and ~~maintenance~~ maintenance, all in accordance with plans approved by the Wildlife Resources Commission. ~~Such~~ These funds are hereby appropriated, reserved, set aside, and made available to the Wildlife Resources Commission until expended for the ~~purpose~~ purposes set forth in this Article. ~~in this subsection.~~"

Sec. 2. G.S. 75A-5(a) reads as rewritten:

"(a) The owner of each vessel requiring numbering by this State shall file an application for number with the Wildlife Resources Commission on forms approved by it. The application shall be signed by the owner of the vessel, or his agent, and shall be accompanied by a fee of ~~five dollars and fifty cents (\$5.50)~~ eight dollars (\$8.00) for a one-

1 year period or by a fee of ~~thirteen dollars (\$13.00)~~ twenty dollars (\$20.00) for a three-year
2 period; provided, however, there shall be no fee charged for vessels owned and operated
3 by nonprofit rescue squads if they are operated exclusively for rescue purposes,
4 including rescue training. The applicant shall have the option of selecting a one-year
5 numbering period or a three-year numbering period. Upon receipt of the application in
6 approved form, the Commission shall have the same entered upon the records of its
7 office and issue to the applicant a certificate of number stating the number awarded to
8 the vessel and the name and address of the owner, and a validation decal indicating the
9 expiration date of the certificate of number. The owner shall paint on or attach to each
10 side of the bow of the vessel the identification number in such manner as may be
11 prescribed by rules ~~and regulations~~ of the Commission in order that it may be clearly
12 visible. The number shall be maintained in legible condition. The validation decal shall
13 be displayed on the starboard bow of the vessel immediately following the number. The
14 certificate of number shall be pocket size and shall be available at all times for
15 inspection on the vessel for which issued, whenever such vessel is in operation.
16 Provided, however, any person charged with failing to so carry such certificate of
17 number shall not be convicted if he produces in court a certificate of number theretofore
18 issued to him and valid at the time of his arrest."

19 Sec. 3. G.S. 75A-5(c) reads as rewritten:

20 "(c) Should the ownership of a vessel change, a new application form with a fee
21 of ~~five dollars and fifty cents (\$5.50)~~ eight dollars (\$8.00) for a one-year period or by a fee
22 of ~~thirteen dollars (\$13.00)~~ twenty dollars (\$20.00) for a three-year period shall be filed
23 with the Wildlife Resources Commission and a new certificate bearing the same number
24 shall be awarded the new owner in the manner as provided for in an original award of
25 number. In case a certificate should become lost, a new certificate bearing the same
26 number shall be issued upon payment of a fee of two dollars (\$2.00). Possession of the
27 certificate shall in cases involving prosecution for violation of any provision of this
28 Chapter be prima facie evidence that the person whose name appears therein is the
29 owner of the boat referred to therein."

30 Sec. 4. G.S. 75A-5(h) reads as rewritten:

31 "(h) Each certificate of number awarded pursuant to this Chapter must be renewed
32 on or before the first day of the month next succeeding that during which the same
33 expires; otherwise, such certificate shall lapse and be void until such time as it may
34 thereafter be renewed. Application for renewal shall be submitted on a form approved
35 by the Wildlife Resources Commission and shall be accompanied by a fee of ~~five dollars~~
36 ~~and fifty cents (\$5.50)~~ eight dollars (\$8.00) for a one-year period or by a fee of ~~thirteen~~
37 ~~dollars (\$13.00)~~ twenty dollars (\$20.00) for a three-year period; provided, there shall be
38 no fee required for renewal of certificates of number which have been previously issued
39 to commercial fishing boats as defined in G.S. 75A-5.1, upon compliance with all of the
40 requirements of that section."

41 Sec. 5. This act becomes effective January 1, 1994.