

FIRST REGULAR SESSION
HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 657
95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To repeal section 306.903, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to waterways, with penalty provisions.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 306.903, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 306.903, to read as follows:

306.903. 1. [Any person who] **A person commits the infraction of abandoning a boat dock if he or she knowingly** abandons a boat dock and permits it to float freely [without being moored upon lakes having at least nine hundred fifty miles of aggregate shoreline is guilty of an infraction, the penalty for which shall be a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars or more than one hundred dollars] **on the waters of this state.**

2. Any person who abandons a boat dock shall be responsible for the retrieval and disposal of such boat dock. Any person who violates subsection 1 of this section and who does not properly retrieve and dispose of such abandoned boat dock shall, upon a plea of guilty or a finding of guilt for such an offense, be ordered to reimburse the appropriate law enforcement agency, including the state water patrol, for the costs associated with the retrieval and disposal of the abandoned boat dock. The law enforcement agency may establish a schedule of such costs. However, the court may reduce the costs if it determines that the costs are excessive.

3. The state water patrol may accept gifts, grants, in-kind services and appropriations, and may enter into contracts with private or public entities for the enforcement and administration of this section.

4. Beginning January 1, [1996] **2010**, any person owning a boat dock on lakes having at least nine hundred fifty miles of shoreline **and lakes constructed or maintained by the United States Army Corps of Engineers except bodies of water owned by a person,**

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

19 corporation, association, partnership, municipality or other political subdivision, public
20 water supply impoundments, and except drainage ditches construction by a drainage
21 district, but not to include any body of water which has been leased to or owned by the
22 state department of conservation shall display identifying information on the dock, including
23 but not limited to, a permit number issued to the owner by an entity having authority to issue
24 such identification or permit number **and the appropriate "911" address or in the absence**
25 **of a "911" system, the physical address nearest to the dock by land.** [Any person owning
26 a boat dock on lakes having at least nine hundred fifty miles of aggregate shoreline who violates
27 this subsection may be guilty of an infraction, the penalty for which shall not exceed twenty-five
28 dollars.] **A person commits the infraction of failure to display identifying information on**
29 **a boat dock if he or she knowingly violates any of the provisions of this subsection. The**
30 **"911" address or in the absence of a "911" system, the physical address shall be displayed**
31 **on the lake side of the dock in a location most visible from the channel or cove in at least**
32 **three-inch block style lettering. The letters must be contrasting in color to the background.**
33 **5. Abandoning a boat dock in violation of subsection 1 of this section and failure**
34 **to display identifying information on a boat dock in violation of subsection 4 of this section**
35 **are infractions.**

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