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103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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JOSEPH ENGLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To repeal section 306.030, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to vessel registration fees.

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

Section A. Section 306.030, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 306.030, to read as follows:

306.030. 1. The owner of each vessel requiring numbering by this state shall file an application for number with the department of revenue on forms provided by it. The application shall contain a full description of the vessel, factory number or serial number, together with a statement of the applicant's source of title and of any liens or encumbrances on the vessel. For good cause shown the director of revenue may extend the period of time for making such application. The director of revenue shall use reasonable diligence in ascertaining whether the facts stated in such application are true, and, if satisfied that the applicant is the lawful owner of such vessel, or otherwise entitled to have the same registered in his or her name, shall thereupon issue an appropriate certificate of title over the director's signature and sealed with the seal of the director's office, procured and used for such purpose, and a certificate of number stating the number awarded to the vessel. The application shall include a provision stating that the applicant will consent to any inspection necessary to determine compliance with the provisions of this chapter and shall be signed by the owner of the vessel and shall be accompanied by the fee specified in subsection 10 of this section. The owner shall paint on or attach to each side of the bow of the vessel the identification number in a manner as may be prescribed by rules and regulations of the division of water safety in order that it may be clearly visible. The number shall be maintained in legible condition. The

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.

18 certificate of number shall be pocket size and shall be available at all times for inspection on
19 the vessel for which issued, whenever the vessel is in operation. The operator of a vessel in
20 which such certificate of number is not available for inspection by the water patrol division
21 or, if the operator cannot be determined, the person who is the registered owner of the vessel
22 shall be subject to the penalties provided in section 306.210. Vessels owned by the state or a
23 political subdivision shall be registered but no fee shall be assessed for such registration.

24 2. Each new vessel sold in this state after January 1, 1970, shall have die stamped on
25 or within three feet of the transom or stern a factory number or serial number.

26 3. The owner of any vessel already covered by a number in full force and effect which
27 has been awarded to it pursuant to then operative federal law or a federally approved
28 numbering system of another state shall record the number prior to operating the vessel on the
29 waters of this state in excess of the sixty-day reciprocity period provided for in section
30 306.080. The recordation and payment of registration fee shall be in the manner and pursuant
31 to the procedure required for the award of a number under subsection 1 of this section. No
32 additional or substitute number shall be issued unless the number is a duplicate of an existing
33 Missouri number.

34 4. In the event that an agency of the United States government shall have in force an
35 overall system of identification numbering for vessels within the United States, the
36 numbering system employed pursuant to this chapter by the department of revenue shall be in
37 conformity therewith.

38 5. All records of the department of revenue made and kept pursuant to this section
39 shall be public records.

40 6. A permanent certificate of number may be issued upon application and payment of
41 three times the fee specified for the vessel under this section and three times any processing
42 fee applicable to a three-year certificate of number for the vessel. Permanent certificates of
43 number shall not be transferred to any other person or vessel, or displayed on any vessel other
44 than the vessel for which it was issued, and shall continue in force and effect until terminated
45 or discontinued in accordance with the provisions of this chapter. Every other certificate of
46 number awarded pursuant to this chapter shall continue in force and effect for a period of
47 three years unless sooner terminated or discontinued in accordance with the provisions of this
48 chapter. Certificates of number may be renewed by the owner in the same manner provided
49 for in the initial securing of the same or in accordance with the provisions of sections 306.010
50 to 306.030.

51 7. The department of revenue shall fix the days and months of the year on which
52 certificates of number due to expire during the calendar year shall lapse and no longer be of
53 any force and effect unless renewed pursuant to this chapter and may stagger such dates in
54 order to distribute the workload.

55 8. When applying for or renewing a vessel's certificate of number, the owner shall
56 submit a paid personal property tax receipt for the tax year which immediately precedes the
57 year in which the application is made or the year in which the renewal is due and which
58 reflects that the vessel being renewed is listed as personal property and that all personal
59 property taxes, including delinquent taxes from prior years, have been paid, or a statement
60 certified by the county or township in which the owner's property was assessed showing that
61 the state and county tangible personal property taxes for such previous tax year and all
62 delinquent taxes due have been paid by the applicant or that no such taxes were due.

63 9. When applying for or renewing a certificate of registration for a vessel documented
64 with the United States Coast Guard under section 306.016, owners of vessels shall submit a
65 paid personal property tax receipt for the tax year which immediately precedes the year in
66 which the application is made or the renewal is due and which reflects that the vessel is listed
67 as personal property and that all personal property taxes, including delinquent taxes from
68 prior years, have been paid, or a statement certified by the county or township in which the
69 owner's property was assessed showing that the state and county tangible personal property
70 taxes for such previous tax year and all delinquent taxes due have been paid by the applicant
71 or that no such taxes were due.

72 10. The fee to accompany each application for a certificate of number is:

73 For vessels under 16 feet in length	\$25.00
74 For vessels at least 16 feet in length but less than 26 feet 75 in length	\$55.00
76 For vessels at least 26 feet in length but less than 40 feet 77 in length	\$100.00
78 For vessels at least 40 feet and over	\$150.00

79 11. The certificate of title and certificate of number issued by the director of revenue
80 shall be manufactured in a manner to prohibit as nearly as possible the ability to alter,
81 counterfeit, duplicate, or forge such certificate without ready detection.

82 12. For fiscal years ending before July 1, 2019, the first two million dollars collected
83 annually under the provisions of this section shall be deposited into the state general revenue
84 fund. All fees collected under the provisions of this section in excess of two million dollars
85 annually shall be deposited in the water patrol division fund and shall be used exclusively for
86 the water patrol division.

87 13. Beginning July 1, 2019, **and ending June 30, 2026**, the first one million dollars
88 collected annually under the provisions of this section shall be deposited into the state general
89 revenue fund. All fees collected under the provisions of this section in excess of one million

90 dollars annually shall be deposited in the water patrol division fund and shall be used
91 exclusively for the water patrol division.

92 **14. All fees collected under the provisions of this section after June 30, 2026,**
93 **shall be deposited in the water patrol division fund and shall be used exclusively for the**
94 **water patrol division.**

95 **15.** Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection 10 of this section, vessels at least
96 sixteen feet in length but less than twenty-eight feet in length, that are homemade, constructed
97 out of wood, and have a beam of five feet or less, shall pay a fee of fifty-five dollars which
98 shall accompany each application for a certification number.

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