

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 1962

## 98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE CONWAY (104).

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

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### AN ACT

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

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*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Section A. Section 306.030, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 306.030, to read as follows: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 certificate of number shall be pocket size and shall

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

24         2. Each new vessel sold in this state after January 1, 1970, shall have die stamped on or  
25 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 numbering  
28 system of another state shall record the number prior to operating the vessel on the waters of this  
29 state in excess of the sixty-day reciprocity period provided for in section 306.080. The  
30 recordation and payment of registration fee shall be in the manner and pursuant to the procedure  
31 required for the award of a number under subsection 1 of this section. No additional or substitute  
32 number shall be issued unless the number is a duplicate of an existing Missouri number.

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

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

39         6. Every certificate of number awarded pursuant to this chapter shall continue in force  
40 and effect for a period of three years unless sooner terminated or discontinued in accordance with  
41 the provisions of this chapter.

42 Certificates of number may be renewed by the owner in the same manner provided for in the  
43 initial securing of the same or in accordance with the provisions of sections 306.010 to 306.030.

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

48         8. When applying for or renewing a vessel's certificate of number, the owner shall submit  
49 a paid personal property tax receipt for the tax year which immediately precedes the year in  
50 which the application is made or the year in which the renewal is due and which reflects that the  
51 vessel being renewed is listed as personal property and that all personal property taxes, including  
52 delinquent taxes from prior years, have been paid, or a statement certified by the county or  
53 township in which the owner's property was assessed showing that the state and county tangible

54 personal property taxes for such previous tax year and all delinquent taxes due have been paid  
55 by the applicant or that no such taxes were due.

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

64 10. The fee to accompany each application for a certificate of number is:  
65 For vessels under 16 feet in length. . . . . \$25.00  
66 For vessels at least 16 feet in length but less than 26 feet in length. . . . . \$55.00  
67 For vessels at least 26 feet in length but less than 40 feet in length. . . . . \$100.00  
68 For vessels at least 40 feet and over.. . . . \$150.00

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

72 12. The first [two] **one** million dollars collected annually under the provisions of this  
73 section shall be deposited into the state general revenue fund. All fees collected under the  
74 provisions of this section in excess of [two] **one** million dollars annually shall be deposited in  
75 the water patrol division fund and shall be used exclusively for the water patrol division.

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

