
SENATE BILL 6049

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By Senator McCaslin

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1 AN ACT Relating to vessel fees and surcharges; amending RCW
2 88.02.050, 88.02.050, and 88.02.270; providing an effective date; and
3 providing expiration dates.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 88.02.050 and 2007 c 342 s 5 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 (1) Application for a vessel registration shall be made to the
8 department or its authorized agent in the manner and upon forms
9 prescribed by the department. The application shall state the name and
10 address of each owner of the vessel and such other information as may
11 be required by the department, shall be signed by at least one owner,
12 and shall be accompanied by a vessel registration fee of ten dollars
13 and fifty cents per year and the excise tax imposed under chapter 82.49
14 RCW.

15 (2) Five additional dollars must be collected annually from every
16 vessel registration application received from a resident of that
17 portion of the state lying west of the crest of the Cascade mountain
18 range. These moneys must be distributed in the following manner:

1 (a) Two dollars must be deposited into the derelict vessel removal
2 account established in RCW 79.100.100. If the department of natural
3 resources indicates that the balance of the derelict vessel removal
4 account, not including any transfer or appropriation of funds into the
5 account or funds deposited into the account collected under RCW
6 88.02.270, reaches one million dollars as of March 1st of any year, the
7 collection of the two-dollar fee must be suspended for the following
8 fiscal year.

9 (b) One dollar and fifty cents must be deposited in the aquatic
10 invasive species prevention account created in RCW 77.12.879.

11 (c) One dollar must be deposited into the freshwater aquatic algae
12 control account created in RCW 43.21A.667.

13 (d) Fifty cents must be deposited into the aquatic invasive species
14 enforcement account created in RCW 43.43.400.

15 (3) Any fees required for licensing agents under RCW 46.01.140
16 shall be in addition to the ten dollar and fifty cent annual
17 registration fee and the five-dollar fee created in subsection (2) of
18 this section.

19 (4) Three additional dollars must be collected annually from every
20 vessel registration application received from a resident of that
21 portion of the state lying east of the crest of the Cascade mountain
22 range. These moneys must be distributed in the following manner:

23 (a) One dollar and fifty cents must be deposited in the aquatic
24 invasive species prevention account created in RCW 77.12.879;

25 (b) One dollar must be deposited into the freshwater aquatic algae
26 control account created in RCW 43.21A.667; and

27 (c) Fifty cents must be deposited into the aquatic invasive species
28 enforcement account created in RCW 43.43.400.

29 (5) Upon receipt of the application and the registration fee, the
30 department shall assign a registration number and issue a decal for
31 each vessel. The registration number and decal shall be issued and
32 affixed to the vessel in a manner prescribed by the department
33 consistent with the standard numbering system for vessels set forth in
34 volume 33, part 174, of the code of federal regulations. A valid decal
35 affixed as prescribed shall indicate compliance with the annual
36 registration requirements of this chapter.

37 ((+5)) (6) The vessel registrations and decals are valid for a
38 period of one year, except that the director of licensing may extend or

1 diminish vessel registration periods, and the decals therefor, for the
2 purpose of staggered renewal periods. For registration periods of more
3 or less than one year, the department may collect prorated annual
4 registration fees and excise taxes based upon the number of months in
5 the registration period. Vessel registrations are renewable every year
6 in a manner prescribed by the department upon payment of the vessel
7 registration fee, excise tax, and the derelict vessel fee. Upon
8 renewing a vessel registration, the department shall issue a new decal
9 to be affixed as prescribed by the department.

10 ((+6+)) (7) When the department issues either a notice to renew a
11 vessel registration or a decal for a new or renewed vessel
12 registration, it shall also provide information on the location of
13 marine oil recycling tanks and sewage holding tank pumping stations.
14 This information will be provided to the department by the state parks
15 and recreation commission in a form ready for distribution. The form
16 will be developed and prepared by the state parks and recreation
17 commission with the cooperation of the department of ecology. The
18 department, the state parks and recreation commission, and the
19 department of ecology shall enter into a memorandum of agreement to
20 implement this process.

21 ((+7+)) (8) A person acquiring a vessel from a dealer or a vessel
22 already validly registered under this chapter shall, within fifteen
23 days of the acquisition or purchase of the vessel, apply to the
24 department or its authorized agent for transfer of the vessel
25 registration, and the application shall be accompanied by a transfer
26 fee of one dollar.

27 **Sec. 2.** RCW 88.02.050 and 2007 c 342 s 6 are each amended to read
28 as follows:

29 Application for a vessel registration shall be made to the
30 department or its authorized agent in the manner and upon forms
31 prescribed by the department. The application shall state the name and
32 address of each owner of the vessel and such other information as may
33 be required by the department, shall be signed by at least one owner,
34 and shall be accompanied by a vessel registration fee of ten dollars
35 and fifty cents per year and the excise tax imposed under chapter 82.49
36 RCW. In addition, two additional dollars must be collected annually
37 from every vessel registration application received from a resident of

1 that portion of the state lying west of the crest of the Cascade
2 mountain range. These moneys must be deposited into the derelict
3 vessel removal account established in RCW 79.100.100. If the
4 department of natural resources indicates that the balance of the
5 derelict vessel removal account, not including any transfer or
6 appropriation of funds into the account or funds deposited into the
7 account collected under RCW 88.02.270, reaches one million dollars as
8 of March 1st of any year, the collection of the two-dollar fee must be
9 suspended for the following fiscal year. Any fees required for
10 licensing agents under RCW 46.01.140 shall be in addition to the ten
11 dollar and fifty cent annual registration fee and the two-dollar
12 derelict vessel fee.

13 Upon receipt of the application and the registration fee, the
14 department shall assign a registration number and issue a decal for
15 each vessel. The registration number and decal shall be issued and
16 affixed to the vessel in a manner prescribed by the department
17 consistent with the standard numbering system for vessels set forth in
18 volume 33, part 174, of the code of federal regulations. A valid decal
19 affixed as prescribed shall indicate compliance with the annual
20 registration requirements of this chapter.

21 The vessel registrations and decals are valid for a period of one
22 year, except that the director of licensing may extend or diminish
23 vessel registration periods, and the decals therefor, for the purpose
24 of staggered renewal periods. For registration periods of more or less
25 than one year, the department may collect prorated annual registration
26 fees and excise taxes based upon the number of months in the
27 registration period. Vessel registrations are renewable every year in
28 a manner prescribed by the department upon payment of the vessel
29 registration fee, excise tax, and the derelict vessel fee. Upon
30 renewing a vessel registration, the department shall issue a new decal
31 to be affixed as prescribed by the department.

32 When the department issues either a notice to renew a vessel
33 registration or a decal for a new or renewed vessel registration, it
34 shall also provide information on the location of marine oil recycling
35 tanks and sewage holding tank pumping stations. This information will
36 be provided to the department by the state parks and recreation
37 commission in a form ready for distribution. The form will be
38 developed and prepared by the state parks and recreation commission

1 with the cooperation of the department of ecology. The department, the
2 state parks and recreation commission, and the department of ecology
3 shall enter into a memorandum of agreement to implement this process.

4 A person acquiring a vessel from a dealer or a vessel already
5 validly registered under this chapter shall, within fifteen days of the
6 acquisition or purchase of the vessel, apply to the department or its
7 authorized agent for transfer of the vessel registration, and the
8 application shall be accompanied by a transfer fee of one dollar.

9 **Sec. 3.** RCW 88.02.270 and 2007 c 342 s 7 are each amended to read
10 as follows:

11 (1) In order to address the significant backlog of derelict vessels
12 that have accumulated in our state's waters that pose a threat to the
13 health and safety of the people and to our environment, the legislature
14 intends to collect a derelict vessel removal surcharge.

15 (2) In addition to the fees collected under RCW 88.02.050, the
16 department shall collect an annual derelict vessel removal surcharge of
17 one dollar effective with vessel registrations from residents of that
18 portion of the state lying west of the crest of the Cascade mountain
19 range that are due or will become due on or after January 1, 2008. The
20 revenue generated from the derelict vessel surcharge must be deposited
21 into the derelict vessel removal account established under RCW
22 79.100.100, and is to be used only for the removal of vessels that are
23 less than seventy-five feet in length.

24 (3) This section expires January 1, 2014.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** Section 1 of this act expires June 30, 2012.

26 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** Section 3 of this act expires January 1,
27 2014.

28 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** Section 2 of this act takes effect June 30,
29 2012.

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