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SENATE BILL 590

Short Title: Increase Cert. of Number Fees.

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Sponsors: Senator Albertson.

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Referred to: Agriculture, Marine Resources and Wildlife.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO ADD TO THE AUTHORIZED USES OF DESIGNATED BOATING  
2 FUNDS BY THE WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION AND TO INCREASE  
3 FEES FOR BOAT CERTIFICATES OF NUMBER.  
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

7 "(c) All moneys collected pursuant to the numbering and titling provisions of this  
8 Chapter and pursuant to G.S. 105-446.2 shall be deposited in the State treasury and  
9 credited to a special fund known as the Wildlife Resources Fund ~~and as~~ provided by  
10 G.S. 143-250. ~~The said moneys~~ These funds shall be made available to the Wildlife  
11 Resources Commission, subject to the Executive Budget Act and the Personnel Act, for  
12 the administration and enforcement of this ~~Article, Chapter and of Article 24 of Chapter~~  
13 143; for activities relating to boating and water safety including education and waterway  
14 marking and ~~improvement, improvement~~; and for boating access area acquisition,  
15 development and ~~maintenance~~ maintenance, all in accordance with plans approved by the  
16 Wildlife Resources Commission. ~~Such~~ These funds are hereby appropriated, reserved,  
17 set aside, and made available to the Wildlife Resources Commission until expended for  
18 the ~~purpose~~ purposes set forth ~~in this Article.~~ in this subsection."

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

20 "(a) The owner of each vessel requiring numbering by this State shall file an  
21 application for number with the Wildlife Resources Commission on forms approved by  
22 it. The application shall be signed by the owner of the vessel, or his agent, and shall be  
23 accompanied by a fee of ~~five dollars and fifty cents (\$5.50)~~ eight dollars (\$8.00) for a one-  
24 year period or by a fee of ~~thirteen dollars (\$13.00)~~ twenty dollars (\$20.00) for a three-year

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

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

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

29 Sec. 4. G.S. 75A-3(h) reads as rewritten:

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

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