
DIGEST

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HB No. 97

Abstract: Excludes from the definition of "motorboat" documented recreational vessels or commercial fishing vessels.

Present law provides for the definition of "motorboat" to mean any vessel propelled by machinery, but not a vessel, other than recreational vessels or commercial fishing vessels, documented by the U.S. Bureau of Customs.

Proposed law retains present law but excludes from the definition documented recreational vessels or commercial fishing vessels.

Present law prohibits operation of motorboats or sailboats unless the vessel displays numbers in accordance with both present law and federal law or a federally approved number system of another state.

Proposed law retains present law but requires the numbers to be in accordance with present law or federal law, but not both.

Proposed law provides a credit towards any license issued by the department to an owner of a documented recreational use or commercial as of Aug. 15, 2008, who paid a state numbering application fee for that vessel. The credit shall expire on Dec. 31, 2010.

(Amends R.S. 34:851.2(3) and 851.19)