
DIGEST

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HB No. 97

Abstract: Excludes from the definition of "motorboat" documented 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 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 commercial vessel 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)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment to the original bill.

1. Includes in the definition of "motorboat" recreational use vessels that are federally documented.