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Fiscal Note



Fiscal Note On: **HB 97** HLS 09RS 267

Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Definition of motorboat		

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Changes the definition of motorboat

Present law provides for the definition of "motorboat" to mean any vessel equipped with or propelled by any type of machinery whether or not such machinery is the principal source of propulsion but shall not include a vessel which has a valid marine document issued by the Bureau of Customs of the United States Government or any federal agency successor. Proposed law retains present law but excludes from the definition documented commercial fishing vessels. Provides a credit towards any license issued by the department to any owner of a documented commercial fishing vessel as of August 15, 2008, who paid a state numbering application fee for that vessel. The credit shall expire on December 31, 2010.

EXPENDITURES	<u>2009-10</u>	<u>2010-11</u>	<u>2011-12</u>	<u>2012-13</u>	<u>2013-14</u>	<u>5 -YEAR TOTAL</u>
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

The proposed legislation reverses HB 697 enacted during the 2008 Regular Legislative Session, which required vessels documented by the U.S. Coast Guard to register with the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries also. Under HB 697, the department was to verify payment of sales taxes on these affected boats when they registered. Reversal of the registration of documented vessels will eliminate that verification, therefore existing staff may see a slight decrease in workload.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

The proposed legislation reverses HB 697 enacted during the 2008 Regular Legislative Session, which required vessels documented by the U.S. Coast Guard to register with the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries also. The department has no way to determine how many of the Coast Guard documented vessels actually registered with the department since implementation of this bill; therefore, the loss to Conservation Fund revenues cannot be determined at this time. It should be noted that there has not been an increase in overall motorboat registration revenue in FY 08-09. Additionally, it is indeterminable as to how many owners of a documented vessel will receive a credit on any license issued by the department who registered after August 15, 2008. These credits shall expire on December 31, 2010.

Verifying the payment of sales taxes on registered vessels is a function of the department. The proposed legislation eliminates this verification for approximately 3,700 recreational vessels, which in turn could have a negative effect on state general fund revenues. The negative impact is indeterminable at this time since this information is not tracked by the Department of Revenue.

Senate

Dual Referral Rules

House

- 13.5.1 >= \$500,000 Annual Fiscal Cost
- 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change

- 6.8(F) >= \$500,000 Annual Fiscal Cost
- 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease

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