



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 6387

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AN ACT CONCERNING VESSEL REGISTRATION FEES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 15-144 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
3 *1, 2011*):

4 (b) (1) The owner shall pay a fee to the Commissioner of Motor
5 Vehicles for deposit with the State Treasurer for each vessel so
6 numbered or registered in accordance with the following schedule and
7 subdivisions of this subsection:

T1	Overall Length			Overall Length		
	T2 at least	T2 less than	T2 fee	T2 at least	T2 less than	T2 fee
T3	(feet)	(feet)		(feet)	(feet)	
T4		12	\$ 7.50	40	41	\$270.00
T5	12	13	11.25	41	42	292.50
T6	13	14	15.00	42	43	315.00
T7	14	15	18.75	43	44	322.50
T8	15	16	22.50	44	45	330.00
T9	16	17	30.00	45	46	337.50
T10	17	18	37.50	46	47	345.00
T11	18	19	45.00	47	48	352.50
T12	19	20	52.50	48	49	360.00

T13	20	21	60.00	49	50	367.50
T14	21	22	67.50	50	51	375.00
T15	22	23	75.00	51	52	382.50
T16	23	24	82.50	52	53	390.00
T17	24	25	90.00	53	54	397.50
T18	25	26	97.50	54	55	405.00
T19	26	27	105.00	55	56	412.50
T20	27	28	112.50	56	57	420.00
T21	28	29	120.00	57	58	427.50
T22	29	30	127.50	58	59	435.00
T23	30	31	135.00	59	60	442.50
T24	31	32	142.50	60	61	450.00
T25	32	33	150.00	61	62	457.50
T26	33	34	157.50	62	63	465.00
T27	34	35	165.00	63	64	472.50
T28	35	36	172.50	64	65	480.00
T29	36	37	180.00	65 and over		525.00
T30	37	38	202.50			
T31	38	39	225.00			
T32	39	40	247.50			

8 For purposes of this schedule "overall length" is the horizontal distance
9 between the foremost part of the stem and the aftermost part of the
10 stern, excluding bowsprits, bumpkins, rudders, outboard motor
11 brackets and similar fittings or attachments. (2) The fee payable under
12 this subsection with respect to any vessel used primarily for purposes
13 of commercial fishing shall not exceed twenty-five dollars, provided in
14 the tax year of the owner of such vessel ending immediately preceding
15 the date of registration, not less than fifty per cent of the adjusted gross
16 income of such owner as determined for purposes of the federal
17 income tax is derived from commercial fishing, subject to proof
18 satisfactory to the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles. (3) The fee payable
19 under this subsection with respect to any vessel constructed primarily
20 of wood, the construction of which is completed not less than fifteen
21 years prior to the date such fee is paid, shall be in an amount equal to

22 fifty per cent of the fee otherwise payable, or if such construction is
23 completed not less than twenty-five years prior to the date such fee is
24 paid, such fee shall be in an amount equal to twenty-five per cent of
25 the fee otherwise payable. (4) Fees payable under this subsection shall
26 not be required with respect to (A) any vessel owned by a flotilla of the
27 United States Coast Guard Auxiliary or owned by a nonprofit
28 corporation acting on behalf of such a flotilla, provided no more than
29 two vessels from any such flotilla or nonprofit corporation shall be
30 granted such an exemption and (B) any vessel built by students in an
31 educational institution and used for the purposes of such institution,
32 including such research as may require the use of such vessel. (5) The
33 fee payable under this subsection with respect to any pontoon boat,
34 exclusive of any houseboat, shall be forty dollars. (6) The fee payable
35 under this subsection with respect to any canoe with a motor or any
36 vessel owned by a nonprofit organization shall be seven dollars and
37 fifty cents. (7) The fee payable under this subsection with respect to
38 any vessel less than fifteen feet in length equipped with a motor the
39 horsepower of which is less than fifteen, shall be seven dollars and
40 fifty cents. (8) The owner of any vessel used actively, as required under
41 this subdivision, in operational activities of the United States Coast
42 Guard Auxiliary shall not be required to pay the applicable fee in
43 accordance with the schedule in this subsection, provided (A) if the
44 applicable fee under the schedule for such vessel is greater than one
45 hundred eighty dollars, the owner shall be required to pay the amount
46 of fee in excess of one hundred eighty dollars and (B) the owner shall
47 not be entitled to exemption from the applicable fee as allowed in this
48 subdivision for any vessel registration year unless the application for
49 registration of such vessel includes a statement, certified by an officer
50 of the United States Coast Guard, that in the preceding year such
51 vessel was used actively in not less than three separate operational
52 activities of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary. (9) Beginning
53 October 1, 2011, and annually thereafter, all revenue received by the
54 state for the twelve-month period from November first to October
55 thirty-first, inclusive, in fees for the numbering and registration of
56 vessels under this section shall be deposited with the Treasurer who

57 shall deposit such revenue in the General Fund.

58 Sec. 2. Sections 15-155, 15-155d and 15-155e of the general statutes
59 are repealed. (*Effective July 1, 2011*)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	15-144(b)
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	Repealer section

FIN *Joint Favorable Subst.*