
SENATE BILL 5513

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1 AN ACT Relating to exceptions from vessel registration; amending
2 RCW 88.02.030; and providing an expiration date.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 88.02.030 and 1991 c 339 s 30 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 Vessel registration is required under this chapter except for the
7 following:

8 (1) Military or public vessels of the United States, except
9 recreational-type public vessels;

10 (2) Vessels owned by a state or subdivision thereof, used
11 principally for governmental purposes and clearly identifiable as such;

12 (3) Vessels either (a) registered or numbered under the laws of a
13 country other than the United States; or (b) having a valid United
14 States customs service cruising license issued pursuant to 19 C.F.R.
15 Sec. 4.94;

16 (4) Vessels that have been issued a valid number under federal law
17 or by an approved issuing authority of the state or country of
18 principal operation. However, a vessel that is validly registered in
19 another state or country but that is removed to this state for

1 principal use is subject to registration under this chapter. The
2 issuing authority for this state shall recognize the validity of the
3 numbers previously issued for a period of sixty days after arrival in
4 this state;

5 (5) Vessels owned by a (~~resident of another state~~) nonresident if
6 the vessel is located upon the waters of this state exclusively for
7 repairs, alteration, or reconstruction, or any testing related to the
8 repair, alteration, or reconstruction conducted in this state if an
9 employee of the repair, alteration, or construction facility is on
10 board the vessel during any testing: PROVIDED, That any vessel owned
11 by a (~~resident of another state~~) nonresident is located upon the
12 waters of this state exclusively for repairs, alteration,
13 reconstruction, or testing for a period longer than sixty days, that
14 the nonresident shall file an affidavit with the department of revenue
15 verifying the vessel is located upon the waters of this state for
16 repair, alteration, reconstruction, or testing and shall continue to
17 file such affidavit every sixty days thereafter, while the vessel is
18 located upon the waters of this state exclusively for repairs,
19 alteration, reconstruction, or testing;

20 (6) Vessels equipped with propulsion machinery of less than ten
21 horsepower that:

22 (a) Are owned by the owner of a vessel for which a valid vessel
23 number has been issued;

24 (b) Display the number of that numbered vessel followed by the
25 suffix "1" in the manner prescribed by the department; and

26 (c) Are used as a tender for direct transportation between that
27 vessel and the shore and for no other purpose;

28 (7) Vessels under sixteen feet in overall length which have no
29 propulsion machinery of any type or which are not used on waters
30 subject to the jurisdiction of the United States or on the high seas
31 beyond the territorial seas for vessels owned in the United States and
32 are powered by propulsion machinery of ten or less horsepower;

33 (8) Vessels with no propulsion machinery of any type for which the
34 primary mode of propulsion is human power;

35 (~~(9) Vessels which are temporarily in this state undergoing repair
36 or alteration;~~

37 ~~(10))~~) Vessels primarily engaged in commerce which have or are
38 required to have a valid marine document as a vessel of the United
39 States. Commercial vessels which the department of revenue determines

1 have the external appearance of vessels which would otherwise be
2 required to register under this chapter, must display decals issued
3 annually by the department of revenue that indicate the vessel's exempt
4 status; (~~and~~

5 ~~(11))~~ (10) Vessels primarily engaged in commerce which are owned
6 by a resident of a country other than the United States; and

7 (11) Vessels owned by a nonresident individual brought into this
8 state for his or her use or enjoyment while temporarily within the
9 state for not more than six months in any continuous twelve-month
10 period, unless the vessel is used in conducting a nontransitory
11 business activity within the state. However, the vessel must (a) be
12 registered or numbered under the laws of a country other than the
13 United States, (b) have a valid United States customs service cruising
14 license issued under 19 C.F.R. Sec. 4.94, or (c) have been issued a
15 valid number under federal law or by an approved issuing authority of
16 the state of principal operation. Any vessel temporarily in the state
17 under this subsection shall obtain an identification document from the
18 department of licensing indicating when the vessel first came into the
19 state. A twenty-five dollar identification document fee shall be paid
20 by the vessel owner to the department of licensing, or any county
21 auditor, or any vessel subagent, for the cost of providing the
22 identification document by the department of licensing and county
23 auditor or vessel subagent, if applicable. Any moneys remaining from
24 the fee after payment of costs shall be allocated to counties by the
25 state treasurer for approved boating safety programs under RCW
26 88.02.040. The department of licensing shall adopt rules to implement
27 its duties under this subsection, including issuing and displaying the
28 identification document and collecting the twenty-five dollar fee.

29 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. Section 1 of this act expires July 1, 2000.

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