

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SB 6341

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As of January 26, 1998

**Title:** An act relating to alternate operator licenses.

**Brief Description:** Allowing certain charter boats to be operated by persons without an alternate operator's license in specific circumstances.

**Sponsors:** Senator Snyder.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Natural Resources & Parks: 1/30/98.

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES & PARKS

**Staff:** Paul Mabrey (786-7412)

**Background:** A commercial license is required to engage in the operation of a charter boat. When applying for a commercial license to operate a charter boat, the applicant may designate a vessel and up to two alternate operators. A persons who is not the holder of the commercial charter boat license may operate the vessel designated on the license only if (1) the person holds an alternative operator license and (2) the person is designated as an alternative operator on the underlying commercial charter boat license.

**Summary of Bill:** Licensed charter boat operators are permitted to designate persons who do not have an alternative operator's license to operate their charter boats. The applicant for a commercial charter boat license need not designate a vessel to be used with the license or designate an alternative operator at the time of application. A person designated by a commercial charter boat license holder is not required to hold an alternative operator's license or to be designated on the underlying license as an alternative operator in order to operate the charter boat.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Requested on January 26, 1998.

**Effective Date:** Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.