
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1377

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By House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Alexander, Murray, Ericksen and Romero)

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1 AN ACT Relating to vessel registration; and amending RCW 88.02.050.

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

3 **Sec. 1.** RCW 88.02.050 and 2002 c 286 s 13 are each amended to read
4 as follows:

5 (1) Application for a vessel registration shall be made to the
6 department or its authorized agent in the manner and upon forms
7 prescribed by the department. The application shall state the name and
8 address of each owner of the vessel and such other information as may
9 be required by the department, shall be signed by at least one owner,
10 and shall be accompanied by a vessel registration fee of ten dollars
11 and fifty cents per year and the excise tax imposed under chapter 82.49
12 RCW. In addition, two additional dollars must be collected annually
13 from every vessel registration application. These moneys must be
14 deposited into the derelict vessel removal account established in RCW
15 79.100.100. If the department of natural resources indicates that the
16 balance of the derelict vessel removal account reaches one million
17 dollars as of March 1st of any year, the collection of the two-dollar
18 fee must be suspended for the following fiscal year. Any fees required

1 for licensing agents under RCW 46.01.140 shall be in addition to the
2 ten dollar and fifty cent annual registration fee and the two-dollar
3 derelict vessel fee.

4 (2) For initial registrations, upon receipt of the application
5 ((and the)), registration fee, excise tax, and derelict vessel fee, the
6 department shall assign a registration number and issue a decal for
7 each vessel. For vessel registration renewals, upon the receipt of the
8 vessel registration fee, excise tax, and derelict vessel fee, the
9 department shall issue a new decal. The registration number and decal
10 ((shall be issued and)) must be affixed to the vessel in a manner
11 prescribed by the department consistent with the standard numbering
12 system for vessels set forth in volume 33, part 174, of the Code of
13 Federal Regulations. A valid decal affixed as prescribed ((shall))
14 indicates compliance with the annual registration requirements of this
15 chapter.

16 (3) The vessel registrations and decals are valid for a period of
17 one year, ((except that the director of licensing may extend or
18 diminish vessel registration periods, and the decals therefor, for the
19 purpose of staggered renewal periods. For registration periods of more
20 or less than one year, the department may collect prorated annual
21 registration fees and excise taxes based upon the number of months in
22 the registration period. Vessel registrations are renewable every year
23 in a manner prescribed by the department upon payment of the vessel
24 registration fee, excise tax, and the derelict vessel fee. Upon
25 renewing a vessel registration, the department shall issue a new decal
26 to be affixed as prescribed by the department.)) and the registration
27 period commences at 12:01 a.m. on the date of the calendar year
28 designated by the department and ends at 12:01 a.m. on the same date of
29 the next succeeding calendar year. If a vessel registration previously
30 issued in this state has expired and is renewed with a different
31 registered owner, a new registration year commences upon the date the
32 expired registration is renewed in order that the renewed registration
33 is useable for a full twelve-month period.

34 (a) Each registration year may be divided into twelve registration
35 months. Each registration month commences on the day numerically
36 corresponding to the day of the calendar month on which the
37 registration year begins, and terminates on the numerically
38 corresponding day of the next succeeding calendar month.

1 (b) If the final day of a registration year or month falls on a
2 Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, the period extends through the end
3 of the next business day.

4 (4) When the department issues either a notice to renew a vessel
5 registration or a decal for a new or renewed vessel registration, it
6 shall also provide information on the location of marine oil recycling
7 tanks and sewage holding tank pumping stations. This information will
8 be provided to the department by the state parks and recreation
9 commission in a form ready for distribution. The form will be
10 developed and prepared by the state parks and recreation commission
11 with the cooperation of the department of ecology. The department, the
12 state parks and recreation commission, and the department of ecology
13 shall enter into a memorandum of agreement to implement this process.

14 (5) A person acquiring a vessel from a dealer or a vessel already
15 validly registered under this chapter shall, within fifteen days of the
16 acquisition or purchase of the vessel, apply to the department or its
17 authorized agent for transfer of the vessel registration, and the
18 application shall be accompanied by a transfer fee of one dollar. The
19 implementation of this act must be accomplished within existing
20 resources of the department and shall not require additional
21 appropriation.

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