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By Representative Morris

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1 AN ACT Relating to service fees on vessel-related transactions;
2 amending RCW 88.02.560 and 88.02.640; and creating a new section.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 88.02.560 and 2011 c 171 s 129 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) An application for a vessel registration must be made by the
7 owner or the owner's authorized representative to the department,
8 county auditor or other agent, or subagent appointed by the director
9 on a form furnished or approved by the department. The application
10 must contain:

11 (a) The name and address of each owner of the vessel;

12 (b) Other information the department may require; and

13 (c) The signature of at least one owner.

14 (2) The application for vessel registration must be accompanied
15 by the:

16 (a) Vessel registration fee required under RCW 88.02.640(1)
17 (~~(i)~~) (k);

18 (b) Derelict vessel and invasive species removal fee under RCW
19 88.02.640(~~(3)~~) (1)(b) and derelict vessel removal surcharge
20 required under RCW 88.02.640(~~(4)~~) (1)(c);

21 (c) Filing fee required under RCW 88.02.640(1)(~~e~~) (f);

- 1 (d) License plate technology fee required under RCW 88.02.640(1)
2 (~~(f)~~) (g);
3 (e) License service fee required under RCW 88.02.640(1)(~~(g)~~)
4 (h); (~~and~~)
5 (f) Watercraft excise tax required under chapter 82.49 RCW; and
6 (g) Service fee required under RCW 46.17.040.

7 (3) Upon receipt of an application for vessel registration and
8 the required fees and taxes, the department shall assign a
9 registration number and issue a decal for each vessel. The
10 registration number and decal must be issued and affixed to the
11 vessel in a manner prescribed by the department consistent with the
12 standard numbering system for vessels required in 33 C.F.R. Part 174.
13 A valid decal affixed as prescribed must indicate compliance with the
14 annual registration requirements of this chapter.

15 (4) Vessel registrations and decals are valid for a period of one
16 year, except that the director may extend or diminish vessel
17 registration periods and vessel decals for the purpose of staggered
18 renewal periods. For registration periods of more or less than one
19 year, the department may collect prorated annual registration fees
20 and excise taxes based upon the number of months in the registration
21 period.

22 (5) Vessel registrations are renewable every year in a manner
23 prescribed by the department upon payment of the fees and taxes
24 described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon renewing a vessel
25 registration, the department shall issue a new decal to be affixed as
26 prescribed by the department.

27 (6) When the department issues either a notice to renew a vessel
28 registration or a decal for a new or renewed vessel registration, it
29 shall also provide information on the location of marine oil
30 recycling tanks and sewage holding tank pumping stations. This
31 information must be provided to the department by the state parks and
32 recreation commission in a form ready for distribution. The form must
33 be developed and prepared by the state parks and recreation
34 commission with the cooperation of the department of ecology. The
35 department, the state parks and recreation commission, and the
36 department of ecology shall enter into a memorandum of agreement to
37 implement this process.

38 (7) A person acquiring a vessel from a dealer or a vessel already
39 validly registered under this chapter shall, within fifteen days of
40 the acquisition or purchase of the vessel, apply to the department,

1 county auditor or other agent, or subagent appointed by the director
 2 for transfer of the vessel registration, and the application must be
 3 accompanied by a transfer fee as required in RCW 88.02.640(1)((+1))
 4 (o).

5 **Sec. 2.** RCW 88.02.640 and 2013 c 291 s 1 are each amended to
 6 read as follows:

7 (1) In addition to any other fees and taxes required by law, the
 8 department, county auditor or other agent, or subagent appointed by
 9 the director shall charge the following vessel fees and surcharge:

10 FEE	AMOUNT	AUTHORITY	DISTRIBUTION
11 (a) Dealer temporary permit	\$5.00	RCW 88.02.800(2)	General fund
12 (b) Derelict vessel and 13 invasive species 14 removal	Subsection (3) of this section	Subsection (3) of this section	Subsection (3) of this section
15 (c) Derelict vessel removal 16 surcharge	\$1.00	Subsection (4) of this section	Subsection (4) of this section
17 (d) Duplicate certificate of 18 title	\$1.25	RCW 88.02.530(1)(c)	General fund
19 (e) Duplicate registration	\$1.25	RCW 88.02.590(1)(c)	General fund
20 (f) Filing	RCW 46.17.005	RCW 88.02.560(2)	RCW 46.68.400
21 (g) License plate technology	RCW 46.17.015	RCW 88.02.560(2)	RCW 46.68.370
22 (h) License service	RCW 46.17.025	RCW 88.02.560(2)	RCW 46.68.220
23 (i) Nonresident vessel 24 permit	\$25.00	RCW 88.02.620(3)	Subsection (5) of this section
25 (j) Quick title service 26	\$50.00	RCW 88.02.540(3)	Subsection (7) of this section
27 (k) Registration	\$10.50	RCW 88.02.560(2)	RCW 88.02.650
28 (l) Replacement decal	\$1.25	RCW 88.02.595(1)(c)	General fund
29 (m) <u>Service fee</u>	<u>RCW 46.17.040</u>	<u>RCW 88.02.515 and</u> 30 <u>88.02.560(2)</u>	<u>RCW 46.17.040</u>
31 <u>(n)</u> Title application	\$5.00	RCW 88.02.515	General fund
32 ((+)) <u>(o)</u> Transfer	\$1.00	RCW 88.02.560(7)	General fund
33 ((+)) <u>(p)</u> Vessel visitor 34 permit	\$30.00	RCW 88.02.610(3)	Subsection (6) of this section

1 (2) The five dollar dealer temporary permit fee required in
2 subsection (1) of this section must be credited to the payment of
3 registration fees at the time application for registration is made.

4 (3) The derelict vessel and invasive species removal fee required
5 in subsection (1) of this section is five dollars and must be
6 distributed as follows:

7 (a) One dollar and fifty cents must be deposited in the aquatic
8 invasive species prevention account created in RCW 77.12.879;

9 (b) One dollar must be deposited into the aquatic algae control
10 account created in RCW 43.21A.667;

11 (c) Fifty cents must be deposited into the aquatic invasive
12 species enforcement account created in RCW 43.43.400; and

13 (d) Two dollars must be deposited in the derelict vessel removal
14 account created in RCW 79.100.100.

15 (4) In addition to other fees required in this section, an annual
16 derelict vessel removal surcharge of one dollar must be charged with
17 each vessel registration. The surcharge is to address the significant
18 backlog of derelict vessels accumulated in Washington waters that
19 pose a threat to the health and safety of the people and to the
20 environment and must be deposited into the derelict vessel removal
21 account created in RCW 79.100.100.

22 (5) The twenty-five dollar nonresident vessel permit fee must be
23 paid by the vessel owner to the department for the cost of providing
24 the identification document by the department. Any moneys remaining
25 from the fee after the payment of costs must be allocated to counties
26 by the state treasurer for approved boating safety programs under RCW
27 88.02.650.

28 (6) The thirty dollar vessel visitor permit fee must be
29 distributed as follows:

30 (a) Five dollars must be deposited in the derelict vessel removal
31 account created in RCW 79.100.100;

32 (b) The department may keep an amount to cover costs for
33 providing the vessel visitor permit;

34 (c) Any moneys remaining must be allocated to counties by the
35 state treasurer for approved boating safety programs under RCW
36 88.02.650; and

37 (d) Any fees required for licensing agents under RCW 46.17.005
38 are in addition to any other fee or tax due for the titling and
39 registration of vessels.

1 (7)(a) The fifty dollar quick title service fee must be
2 distributed as follows:

3 (i) If the fee is paid to the director, the fee must be deposited
4 to the general fund.

5 (ii) If the fee is paid to the participating county auditor or
6 other agent or subagent appointed by the director, twenty-five
7 dollars must be deposited to the general fund. The remainder must be
8 retained by the county treasurer in the same manner as other fees
9 collected by the county auditor.

10 (b) For the purposes of this subsection, "quick title" has the
11 same meaning as in RCW 88.02.540.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act applies to vessel registrations
13 that are due or become due on or after January 1, 2016, and
14 certificate of title transactions that are processed on or after
15 January 1, 2016.

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