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By House Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Chapman, Barkis, Bronoske, Reed, Ryu, and Reeves)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the vessel length requirement in obtaining
2 nonresident vessel permits; amending RCW 88.02.620 and 88.02.640; and
3 providing an expiration date.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 88.02.620 and 2023 c 374 s 23 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (1) A vessel owner who is a nonresident person must obtain a
8 nonresident vessel permit on or before the 61st day of use in
9 Washington state if the vessel:

10 (a) Is currently registered or numbered under the laws of the
11 state or country of principal operation, has been issued a valid
12 number under federal law, or has a valid United States customs
13 service cruising license issued under 19 C.F.R. Sec. 4.94; and

14 (b) Has been brought into Washington state for not more than six
15 months in any continuous 12-month period, and is used:

16 (i) For personal use; or

17 (ii) For the purposes of chartering a vessel with a captain or
18 crew, as long as individual charters are for at least three or more
19 consecutive days in duration. The permit also applies for the
20 purposes of necessary transit to or from the start or end point of

1 such a charter, but that transit time is not counted toward the
2 duration of the charter.

3 (2) In addition to the requirements in subsection (1) of this
4 section, a nonresident vessel owner that is not a natural person, or
5 a nonresident vessel owner who is a natural person who intends to
6 charter the vessel with a captain or crew as provided in subsection
7 (1)(b)(ii) of this section, may only obtain a nonresident vessel
8 permit if:

9 (a) The vessel is at least 30 feet in length, but no more than
10 ((200)) 300 feet in length;

11 (b) No Washington state resident owns the vessel or is a
12 principal, as defined in RCW 82.32.865, of the nonresident person
13 which owns the vessel; and

14 (c) The department of revenue has provided the nonresident vessel
15 owner written approval authorizing the permit as provided in RCW
16 82.32.865.

17 (3) A nonresident vessel permit:

18 (a) May be obtained from the department, county auditor or other
19 agent, or subagent appointed by the director;

20 (b) Must show the date the vessel first came into Washington
21 state; and

22 (c) Is valid for two months.

23 (4) The department, county auditor or other agent, or subagent
24 appointed by the director must collect the fee required in RCW
25 88.02.640(1)(i) when issuing nonresident vessel permits.

26 (5) A nonresident vessel permit is not required under this
27 section if the vessel is used in conducting temporary business
28 activity within Washington state.

29 (6) For any permits issued under this section to a nonresident
30 vessel owner that is not a natural person, or for any permits issued
31 to a natural person who intends to charter the vessel with a captain
32 or crew as provided in subsection (1)(b)(ii) of this section, the
33 department must maintain a record of the following information and
34 provide it to the department of revenue quarterly or as otherwise
35 mutually agreed to by the department and department of revenue:

36 (a) The name of the record owner of the vessel;

37 (b) The vessel's hull identification number;

38 (c) The amount of the fee paid under RCW 88.02.640(5);

39 (d) The date the vessel first entered the waters of this state;

40 (e) The expiration date for the permit; and

1 (f) Any other information mutually agreed to by the department
2 and department of revenue.

3 (7) The department must adopt rules to implement this section,
4 including rules on issuing and displaying the nonresident vessel
5 permit.

6 **Sec. 2.** RCW 88.02.640 and 2021 c 150 s 2 are each amended to
7 read as follows:

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

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

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

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

9 (a) Two dollars must be deposited in the aquatic invasive species
10 management account created in RCW 77.135.200;

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

13 (c) 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) (a) The amount of the nonresident vessel permit fee is:

23 (i) For a vessel owned by a nonresident natural person, (~~twenty-~~
24 ~~five dollars~~) \$25; and

25 (ii) For a nonresident vessel owner that is not a natural person,
26 the fee is equal to:

27 (A) (~~Twenty-five dollars~~) \$25 per foot for vessels between
28 (~~thirty~~) 30 and (~~ninety-nine~~) 99 feet in length;

29 (B) (~~Thirty dollars~~) \$30 per foot for vessels between (~~one~~
30 ~~hundred~~) 100 and (~~one hundred twenty~~) 120 feet in length; (~~and~~)

31 (C) (~~Thirty-seven dollars and fifty cents~~) \$37.50 per foot for
32 vessels between (~~one hundred twenty-one~~) 121 and (~~two hundred~~)
33 200 feet in length. The fee must be multiplied by the extreme length
34 of the vessel in feet, rounded up to the nearest whole foot; and

35 (D) \$42 per foot for vessels between 201 and 300 feet in length.
36 The fee must be multiplied by the extreme length of the vessel in
37 feet, rounded up to the nearest whole foot.

38 (b) The fee must be paid by the vessel owner to the department.
39 Any moneys remaining from the fee after the payment of costs to

1 administer the permit must be allocated to counties by the state
2 treasurer for approved boating safety programs under RCW 88.02.650.

3 (c) In addition to the applicable fees under this section, vessel
4 owners who obtain a nonresident vessel permit for the purposes of
5 chartering their vessel with a captain or crew are subject to use tax
6 as provided in RCW 82.12.799.

7 (6) The (~~thirty-dollar~~) \$30 vessel visitor permit fee must be
8 distributed as follows:

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

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

13 (c) Any moneys remaining must be allocated to counties by the
14 state treasurer for approved boating safety programs under RCW
15 88.02.650; and

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

19 (7) (a) The (~~fifty-dollar~~) \$50 quick title service fee must be
20 distributed as follows:

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

23 (ii) If the fee is paid to the participating county auditor or
24 other agent appointed by the director, (~~twenty-five-dollars~~) \$25
25 must be deposited to the general fund. The remainder must be retained
26 by the county treasurer in the same manner as other fees collected by
27 the county auditor.

28 (iii) If the fee is paid to a subagent appointed by the director,
29 (~~twenty-five-dollars~~) \$25 must be deposited to the general fund.
30 The remaining (~~twenty-five-dollars~~) \$25 must be distributed as
31 follows: (~~Twelve-dollars-and-fifty-cents~~) \$12.50 must be retained
32 by the county treasurer in the same manner as other fees collected by
33 the county auditor and (~~twelve-dollars-and-fifty-cents~~) \$12.50 must
34 be retained by the subagent.

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

37 (8) The department, county auditor or other agent, or subagent
38 appointed by the director shall charge the service fee under
39 subsection (1) (m) of this section beginning January 1, 2016.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** Sections 1 and 2 of this act expire
2 January 1, 2029.

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