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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the regulation of vessels by increasing  
2 certain vessel registration fees, increasing the registration  
3 period of vessels to three years, regulating the operation of  
4 certain vessels by minors, providing for increased inspections  
5 of certain vessels, providing for pilot and engineer licensing  
6 fees, and appropriating the moneys collected to the state fish  
7 and game protection fund.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 462A.5, subsection 1, unnumbered  
2 paragraph 1, Code 2003, is amended to read as follows:

3 The owner of each vessel required to be numbered by this  
4 state shall register it every ~~two~~ three years with the county  
5 recorder of the county in which the owner resides, or, if the  
6 owner is a nonresident, the owner shall register it in the  
7 county in which such vessel is principally used. The  
8 commission shall have supervisory responsibility over the  
9 registration of all vessels and shall provide each county  
10 recorder with registration forms and certificates and shall  
11 allocate identification numbers to each county.

12 Sec. 2. Section 462A.5, subsection 3, Code 2003, is  
13 amended to read as follows:

14 3. The registration fees for vessels subject to this  
15 chapter are as follows:

16 a. For vessels of any length without motor or sail, ~~five~~  
17 eight dollars.

18 b. For motorboats or sailboats less than ~~twelve~~ sixteen  
19 feet in length, ~~eight~~ fifteen dollars.

20 c. For motorboats or sailboats ~~twelve~~ sixteen feet or  
21 more, but less than ~~fifteen~~ twenty-six feet in length, ten  
22 twenty-five dollars.

23 ~~d. For motorboats or sailboats fifteen feet or more, but~~  
24 ~~less than eighteen feet in length, twelve dollars.~~

25 ~~e. For motorboats or sailboats eighteen feet or more, but~~  
26 ~~less than twenty-five feet in length, eighteen dollars.~~

27 f. d. For motorboats or sailboats ~~twenty-five~~ twenty-six  
28 feet in length or more, ~~twenty-eight~~ but less than forty feet  
29 in length, forty dollars.

30 e. For motor boats or sailboats forty feet in length or  
31 more, seventy-five dollars.

32 f. For all personal watercraft, twenty-five dollars.

33 Every registration certificate and number issued becomes  
34 delinquent at midnight April 30 of ~~odd-numbered years~~ the last  
35 calendar year of the registration period unless terminated or

1 discontinued in accordance with this chapter. After January  
2 1, 2005 in-odd-numbered-years, an unregistered vessel and a  
3 renewal of registration may be registered for the two-year  
4 three-year registration period beginning May 1 of that year.  
5 After When unregistered vessels are registered after January 1  
6 in-even-numbered-years, of the year succeeding the beginning  
7 of the three-year registration period such unregistered  
8 vessels may be registered for the remainder of the current  
9 registration period at fifty-percent a prorated amount of the  
10 appropriate registration fee.

11 If a timely application for renewal is made, the applicant  
12 shall receive the same registration number allocated to the  
13 applicant for the previous registration period. If the  
14 application for registration for the biennium three-year  
15 registration period is not made before May 1 of each-odd-  
16 numbered the last calendar year of the registration period,  
17 the applicant shall be charged a penalty of five dollars.

18 Sec. 3. Section 462A.5, subsection 6, Code 2003, is  
19 amended to read as follows:

20 6. The owner of each vessel which has a valid marine  
21 document issued by the bureau of customs of the United States  
22 government or any federal agency successor thereto shall  
23 register it every two three years with the county recorder in  
24 the same manner prescribed for undocumented vessels and shall  
25 cause the registration validation decal to be placed on the  
26 vessel in the manner prescribed by the rules of the  
27 commission. When the vessel bears the identification required  
28 in the documentation, it is exempt from the placement of the  
29 identification numbers as required on undocumented vessels.  
30 The fee for such registration is twenty-five dollars plus a  
31 writing fee.

32 Sec. 4. Section 462A.12, subsection 6, Code Supplement  
33 2003, is amended to read as follows:

34 6. An owner or operator of a vessel propelled by a motor  
35 of more than ten horsepower shall not permit any person under

1 twelve years of age to operate the personal-watercraft vessel  
2 unless accompanied in or on the same personal-watercraft  
3 vessel by a responsible person of at least eighteen years of  
4 age who is experienced in motorboat operation. Commencing  
5 ~~January 17, 2003,~~ a A person who is twelve years of age or  
6 older but less than eighteen years of age shall not operate  
7 any personal-watercraft vessel propelled by a motor of more  
8 than ten horsepower unless the person has successfully  
9 completed a department-approved watercraft safety course and  
10 obtained a watercraft safety certificate. A person required  
11 to have a watercraft safety certificate shall carry and shall  
12 exhibit or make available the certificate upon request of an  
13 officer of the department. A violation of this subsection is  
14 a simple misdemeanor as provided in section 462A.13. However,  
15 a person charged with violating this subsection shall not be  
16 convicted if the person produces in court, within a reasonable  
17 time, a department-approved certificate. The cost of a  
18 department certificate, or any duplicate, shall not exceed  
19 five dollars.

20 Sec. 5. Section 462A.20, Code 2003, is amended to read as  
21 follows:

22 462A.20 BOAT INSPECTION.

23 ~~Any-person-having,~~ A vessel either for hire or offered for  
24 hire upon any waters of this state under the jurisdiction of  
25 the commission, ~~any vessel, either for hire or offered for~~  
26 ~~hire, must have such vessel and all its appurtenances annually~~  
27 may be inspected at any time by representatives of the  
28 commission or by any peace officer who is trained in  
29 enforcing, and who in the regular course of duty enforces,  
30 boating and navigation laws.

31 ~~Every such owner shall file in the office of the~~  
32 ~~commission, an application for inspection of such vessels on a~~  
33 ~~blank furnished by the commission for that purpose.~~

34 Officers appointed by the commission or any peace officer  
35 who is trained in enforcing, and who in the regular course of

1 duty enforces, boating and navigation laws shall have the  
2 power and authority to determine whether such vessel is safe  
3 for the transportation of passengers or cargo and upon what  
4 waters it may be used. They may determine and designate the  
5 number of passengers or cargo, including crew, that may be  
6 carried and determine whether the machinery, equipment, and  
7 all appurtenances are such as to make ~~said-vessels~~ the vessel  
8 seaworthy, where used, and such other matters as are  
9 pertinent.

10 ~~After such vessels have been inspected as provided herein,~~  
11 ~~a current inspection seal or tag shall be issued by the~~  
12 ~~commission and shall be kept posted in a conspicuous place~~  
13 ~~upon or in such vessel. Any inspection seal or tag shall be~~  
14 ~~in effect only for the calendar year for which the inspection~~  
15 ~~seal or tag is issued.~~

16 Private vessels may also be inspected to determine their  
17 seaworthiness at any time by representatives of the commission  
18 or by any peace officer who is trained in enforcing, and who  
19 in the regular course of duty enforces, boating and navigation  
20 laws.

21 Sec. 6. Section 462A.22, Code 2003, is amended to read as  
22 follows:

23 462A.22 ENGINEER OR PILOT LICENSE AND FEES.

24 1. No A vessel shall not be operated for hire by a pilot  
25 or engineer upon the waters of this state under the  
26 jurisdiction of the commission unless the pilot or engineer  
27 first obtains an engineer's or pilot's license. A pilot's  
28 license is required for any person who has charge of the  
29 steering or directing of the vessel's course or who does the  
30 steering or directs the vessel's course. An engineer's  
31 license is required for all operators who have charge of or  
32 operate the equipment by which the boat is propelled. If one  
33 person acts in a dual or alternate capacity, the person shall  
34 first obtain both an engineer's and pilot's license.

35 2. Any person desiring a pilot's or engineer's license

1 shall file an application with the commission upon forms  
2 prepared and furnished by the commission. Such license may be  
3 issued by the commission only upon recommendation of an  
4 officer duly authorized by the commission. Before the officer  
5 recommends such a license, the officer shall investigate the  
6 competency of the applicant, the applicant's acquaintance with  
7 and experience in boat work, habits as to sobriety, mental and  
8 physical qualifications for the work, acquaintance with the  
9 waters for which application to operate upon is made,  
10 familiarity with the laws and regulations pertaining to the  
11 vessel operation and all other pertinent matters. Such  
12 license shall not be issued to anyone under eighteen years of  
13 age.

14 3. The annual fee for a pilot's license is ten dollars.  
15 The annual fee for an engineer's license is twenty dollars.  
16 All fees for the licensing of pilots and engineers shall be  
17 forwarded by the commission to the treasurer of state, who  
18 shall place the money in the state fish and game protection  
19 fund. The money so collected is appropriated to the  
20 commission solely for the administration and enforcement of  
21 programs to control aquatic invasive species, for programs to  
22 monitor and improve the water quality of the state's public  
23 lakes, and for the administration and enforcement of  
24 navigation laws and water safety upon the inland waters of  
25 this state for the fiscal period beginning July 1, 2004, and  
26 ending June 30, 2010. Beginning on July 1, 2010, the money so  
27 collected is appropriated to the commission solely for the  
28 administration and enforcement of navigation laws and water  
29 safety.

30 4. Engineer's and pilot's licenses shall be in effect only  
31 for the calendar year in which such the license is issued.

32 Sec. 7. Section 462A.39, Code 2003, is amended to read as  
33 follows:

34 462A.39 EXPIRATION DATE.

35 Each special certificate issued hereunder shall expire at

1 midnight on April 30 of each-odd-numbered the last calendar  
2 year of the registration period, and a new special certificate  
3 for the ensuing biennium registration period may be obtained  
4 upon application to the commission and payment of the fee  
5 provided by law.

6 Sec. 8. Section 462A.52, Code 2003, is amended to read as  
7 follows:

8 462A.52 FEES REMITTED TO COMMISSION.

9 1. Within ten days after the end of each month, a county  
10 recorder shall remit to the commission all fees collected by  
11 the recorder during the previous month. Before May 10 ~~in-odd-~~  
12 numbered-years of the registration period beginning May 1 of  
13 that year, a county recorder shall remit to the commission all  
14 unused license blanks for the previous biennium registration  
15 period. All fees collected for the registration of vessels  
16 shall be forwarded by the commission to the treasurer of the  
17 state, who shall place the money in ~~a-special-conservation the~~  
18 state fish and game protection fund. The money so collected  
19 is appropriated to the commission solely for the  
20 administration and enforcement of navigation laws and water  
21 safety.

22 2. Notwithstanding subsection 1, any increase in revenues  
23 received on or after July 1, 2004, but on or before June 30,  
24 2010, pursuant to this section as a result of fee increases  
25 pursuant to this Act, shall be used by the commission only for  
26 the administration and enforcement of programs to control  
27 aquatic invasive species, for programs to monitor and improve  
28 the water quality of the state's public lakes, and for the  
29 administration and enforcement of navigation laws and water  
30 safety upon the inland waters of this state.

31 Sec. 9. Section 462A.66, Code 2003, is amended to read as  
32 follows:

33 462A.66 INSPECTION AUTHORITY.

34 An officer of the commission or any peace officer who is  
35 trained in enforcing, and who in the regular course of duty

1 enforces, boating and navigation laws may stop and inspect a  
2 vessel being launched, being operated, or being moored on the  
3 waters of this state under the jurisdiction of the commission  
4 to determine whether the vessel is properly registered,  
5 numbered, and equipped as provided under this chapter and  
6 rules of the commission. An officer may board a vessel in the  
7 course of an inspection if the operator is unable to supply  
8 visual evidence that the vessel is properly registered and  
9 equipped as required by this chapter and rules of the  
10 commission. The inspection shall not include an inspection of  
11 an area that is not essential to determine compliance with the  
12 provisions of this chapter and rules of the commission.

13 Sec. 10. Section 462A.21, Code 2003, is repealed.

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EXPLANATION

15 This bill relates to various water navigation regulations.

16 The bill changes the registration period for a vessel from  
17 two years to three years for vessels registered after January  
18 1, 2005. The bill provides that every registration  
19 certificate and number issued becomes delinquent at midnight  
20 on April 30 of the last calendar year of the registration  
21 period and that if an application for the three-year  
22 registration period is not made before May 1 of the last  
23 calendar year of the registration period, the applicant shall  
24 be charged a penalty of \$5. The bill also provides that an  
25 unregistered vessel that is registered after January 1 of the  
26 year succeeding the beginning of the three-year registration  
27 period may be registered for the remainder of the current  
28 registration period at a prorated amount of the appropriate  
29 registration fee. The bill also changes the registration  
30 period for a vessel with a valid marine document issued by the  
31 bureau of customs of the United States government or any  
32 federal agency successor thereto or for a special certificate  
33 from two to three years.

34 Code section 462A.5 is amended by increasing the  
35 registration fees for vessels, creating a new registration

1 category for motorboats or sailboats 26 feet or more but less  
2 than 40 feet in length, with a registration fee of \$40, and  
3 creating a new category for motorboats or sailboats 40 feet in  
4 length or more, with a registration fee of \$75. The bill also  
5 provides that there is a separate registration fee for all  
6 personal watercraft of \$25.

7 Code section 462A.12 is amended to provide that an owner or  
8 operator of a vessel propelled by a motor of more than 10  
9 horsepower shall not permit any person under 12 years of age  
10 to operate the vessel unless accompanied in or on the same  
11 vessel by a responsible person of at least 18 years of age who  
12 is experienced in motorboat operation. The bill also provides  
13 that a person who is 12 years of age or older but less than 18  
14 years of age shall not operate any vessel propelled by a motor  
15 of more than 10 horsepower unless the person has successfully  
16 completed a department-approved watercraft safety course and  
17 obtained a watercraft safety certificate. A person who is  
18 required to have a watercraft safety certificate must carry  
19 and exhibit or make the certificate available upon request of  
20 an officer of the department. A violation of this provision  
21 is a simple misdemeanor, except that a person charged with a  
22 violation of this requirement shall not be convicted if the  
23 person produces the certificate in court within a reasonable  
24 time. The bill provides that the cost of the certificate  
25 shall not exceed \$5. Previously these provisions only applied  
26 to persons under 12 years of age or 12 to 18 years of age who  
27 operated a personal watercraft.

28 Code section 462A.20 is amended to provide that a vessel,  
29 either for hire or offered for hire, is subject to inspection  
30 at any time rather than an annual mandatory inspection, by  
31 representatives of the natural resource commission or by any  
32 peace officer who is trained in enforcing, and who in the  
33 regular course of duty enforces, boating and navigation laws.  
34 The bill also eliminates the requirement that the owner of a  
35 vessel file an application for inspection of such vessels with

1 the commission. The bill provides that an officer of the  
2 commission or any peace officer who is trained in enforcing,  
3 and who in the regular course of duty enforces, boating and  
4 navigation laws has the power to determine whether a vessel  
5 for hire is safe and upon what waters it may be used and the  
6 power to determine the seaworthiness of any private vessel.  
7 The bill eliminates the requirement that vessels that have  
8 been inspected be issued a current inspection seal that must  
9 be posted in a conspicuous place and is valid for the calendar  
10 year in which the inspection occurred.

11 Code section 462A.22 is amended to provide that the annual  
12 fee for vessels for hire is \$10 for a pilot's license and \$20  
13 for an engineer's license. The bill also provides that such  
14 fees shall be placed in the state fish and game protection  
15 fund and are appropriated solely for the administration and  
16 enforcement of programs to control aquatic invasive species,  
17 for programs to monitor and improve the water quality of the  
18 state's public lakes, and for the administration and  
19 enforcement of navigation laws and water safety upon the  
20 inland waters of this state for the fiscal period beginning  
21 July 1, 2004, and ending June 30, 2010. Beginning July 1,  
22 2010, such fees are to be used for the administration and  
23 enforcement of navigation laws and water safety.

24 Code section 462A.52 is amended to provide that fees  
25 collected by a county recorder for the registration of vessels  
26 shall be forwarded to the state treasurer to be placed in the  
27 state fish and game protection fund, instead of a special  
28 conservation fund. The bill provides that this money is  
29 appropriated to the commission solely for the administration  
30 and enforcement of navigation laws and water safety. The bill  
31 also provides that, notwithstanding these provisions, any  
32 increase in revenues received on or after July 1, 2004,  
33 pursuant to this Code section as a result of fee increases  
34 pursuant to the bill, shall be used by the commission for the  
35 fiscal period beginning July 1, 2004, and ending June 30,

1 2010, only for the administration and enforcement of programs  
2 to control aquatic invasive species, for programs to monitor  
3 and improve the water quality of the state's public lakes and  
4 for the administration and enforcement of navigation laws and  
5 water safety upon the inland waters of this state.

6 Code section 462A.66 is amended to provide that any peace  
7 officer as well as an officer of the natural resource  
8 commission may stop and inspect a vessel being launched,  
9 operated, or moored upon the waters of this state to determine  
10 whether the vessel is properly registered, numbered, and  
11 equipped and may board a vessel if the operator is unable to  
12 supply visual evidence that the vessel is properly registered  
13 and equipped so long as the inspection does not include an  
14 inspection of an area that is not essential to determine  
15 compliance with these provisions.

16 The bill repeals Code section 462A.21, which relates to  
17 inspections and annual fees for inspections of vessels  
18 operated for hire.

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1 Amend Senate File 2120 as follows:  
2 1. By striking page 1, line 1, through page 2,  
3 line 31, and inserting the following:  
4 "Section 1. Section 462A.2, Code 2003, is amended  
5 by adding the following new subsection:  
6 NEW SUBSECTION. 30A. "Registration period" means  
7 the period of three years beginning on the first day  
8 of the month following the month of the birth of the  
9 owner of a vessel for vessels registered by the county  
10 recorder.  
11 Sec. 2. Section 462A.5, Code 2003, is amended to  
12 read as follows:  
13 462A.5 REGISTRATION AND IDENTIFICATION NUMBER.  
14 1. The owner of each vessel required to be  
15 numbered by this state shall register it every ~~two~~  
16 three years with the county recorder of the county in  
17 which the owner resides, or, if the owner is a  
18 nonresident, the owner shall register it in the county  
19 in which such vessel is principally used. The  
20 commission shall have supervisory responsibility over  
21 the registration of all vessels and shall provide each  
22 county recorder with registration forms and  
23 certificates and shall allocate identification numbers  
24 to each county.  
25 The owner of the vessel shall file an application  
26 for registration with the appropriate county recorder  
27 on forms provided by the commission. The application  
28 shall be completed and signed by the owner of the  
29 vessel and shall be accompanied by the appropriate  
30 fee, and the writing fee specified in section 462A.53.  
31 Upon applying for registration, the owner shall  
32 display a bill of sale, receipt, or other satisfactory  
33 proof of ownership as provided by the rules of the  
34 commission to the county recorder. If the county  
35 recorder is not satisfied as to the ownership of the  
36 vessel or that there are no undisclosed security  
37 interests in the vessel, the county recorder may  
38 register the vessel but shall, as a condition of  
39 issuing a registration certificate, require the  
40 applicant to follow the procedure provided in section  
41 462A.5A. Upon receipt of the application in approved  
42 form accompanied by the required fees, the county  
43 recorder shall enter it upon the records of the  
44 recorder's office and shall issue to the applicant a  
45 pocket-size registration certificate. The certificate  
46 shall be executed in triplicate, one copy to be  
47 delivered to the owner, one copy to the commission,  
48 and one copy to be retained on file by the county  
49 recorder. The registration certificate shall bear the  
50 number awarded to the vessel, the passenger capacity

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1 of the vessel, and the name and address of the owner.  
2 In the use of all vessels except nonpowered sailboats,  
3 nonpowered canoes, and commercial vessels, the  
4 registration certificate shall be carried either in  
5 the vessel or on the person of the operator of the  
6 vessel when in use. In the use of nonpowered  
7 sailboats, nonpowered canoes, or commercial vessels,  
8 the registration certificate may be kept on shore in  
9 accordance with rules adopted by the commission. The  
10 operator shall exhibit the certificate to a peace  
11 officer upon request or, when involved in a collision  
12 or accident of any nature with another vessel or other  
13 personal property, to the owner or operator of the  
14 other vessel or personal property.

15 2. a. On all vessels except nonpowered sailboats  
16 the owner shall cause the identification number to be  
17 painted on or attached to each side of the bow of the  
18 vessel in such size and manner as may be prescribed by  
19 the rules of the commission. On nonpowered boats the  
20 number may be placed at alternate locations as  
21 prescribed by the rules of the commission. All numbers  
22 shall be maintained in a legible condition at all  
23 times.

24 No number, other than the number awarded to a  
25 vessel under the provisions of this chapter or granted  
26 reciprocity pursuant to this chapter, shall be  
27 painted, attached or otherwise displayed on either  
28 side of the bow of ~~such~~ the vessel.

29 The owner of each vessel must display and maintain,  
30 in a legible manner and in a prominent spot on the  
31 exterior of ~~such~~ the vessel, other than the bow, the  
32 passenger capacity of the vessel which must conform  
33 with the passenger capacity designated on the  
34 registration certificate.

35 2. b. When an agency of the United States  
36 government ~~shall have~~ has in force an overall system  
37 of identification numbering for vessels, the numbering  
38 system prescribed by the commission pursuant to this  
39 chapter, shall be in conformity ~~therewith~~ with the  
40 overall system.

41 3. The registration fees for vessels subject to  
42 this chapter are as follows:

43 a. For vessels of any length without motor or  
44 sail, ~~five~~ twelve dollars.

45 b. For motorboats or sailboats less than ~~twelve~~  
46 sixteen feet in length, ~~eight~~ twenty-two dollars and  
47 fifty cents.

48 c. For motorboats or sailboats ~~twelve~~ sixteen feet  
49 or more, but less than ~~fifteen~~ twenty-six feet in  
50 length, ~~ten~~ thirty-seven dollars and fifty cents.

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1 ~~d. For motorboats or sailboats fifteen feet or~~  
2 ~~more, but less than eighteen feet in length, twelve~~  
3 ~~dollars.~~

4 ~~e. For motorboats or sailboats eighteen feet or~~  
5 ~~more, but less than twenty-five feet in length,~~  
6 ~~eighteen dollars.~~

7 ~~f. d. For motorboats or sailboats twenty-five~~  
8 ~~twenty-six feet in length or more, twenty-eight but~~  
9 ~~less than forty feet in length, sixty dollars.~~

10 e. For motor boats or sailboats forty feet in  
11 length or more, one hundred twelve dollars and fifty  
12 cents.

13 f. For all personal watercraft, thirty-seven  
14 dollars and fifty cents.

15 4. a. Twelve registration periods are established  
16 for the registration of vessels by the county  
17 recorder. Each registration period shall commence on  
18 the first day of each calendar month following the  
19 month of the birth of the owner of the vessel and end  
20 on the last day of the thirty-sixth month. Vessels  
21 subject to registration which are owned by a person  
22 other than a natural person shall be registered for a  
23 registration period as determined by the county  
24 treasurer.

25 b. Every registration certificate and number  
26 issued becomes delinquent expires at midnight April 30  
27 of odd-numbered years on the last day of the last year  
28 of the registration period unless terminated or  
29 discontinued in accordance with this chapter. After  
30 January 1 in odd-numbered years, an unregistered  
31 vessel and a renewal of registration may be registered  
32 for the two-year registration period beginning May 1  
33 of that year. After January 1 in even-numbered years,  
34 unregistered vessels may be registered for the  
35 remainder of the current registration period at fifty  
36 percent of the appropriate registration fee. A person  
37 shall not be considered to be operating a vessel with  
38 an expired registration for a period of one month  
39 following the expiration date of the vessel  
40 registration.

41 c. If a timely application for renewal is made,  
42 the applicant shall receive the same registration  
43 number allocated to the applicant for the previous  
44 registration period. If the application for  
45 registration for the biennium is not made before May 1  
46 of each odd-numbered year, is expired, the applicant  
47 shall be charged a penalty of five dollars.

48 4. 5. If a person, after registering a vessel,  
49 moves from the address shown on the registration  
50 certificate, the person shall, within ten days, notify

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1 the county recorder in writing of the old and new  
2 address. If appropriate, the county recorder shall  
3 forward all past records of the vessel to the recorder  
4 of the county in which the owner resides.

5 If the name of a person, who has registered a  
6 vessel, is changed, the person shall, within ten days,  
7 notify the county recorder of the former and new name.

8 No fee shall be paid to the county recorder for  
9 making the changes mentioned in this subsection,  
10 unless the owner requests a new registration  
11 certificate showing the change, in which case a fee of  
12 one dollar plus a writing fee shall be paid to the  
13 recorder.

14 If a registration certificate is lost, mutilated or  
15 becomes illegible, the owner shall immediately make  
16 application for and obtain a duplicate registration  
17 certificate by furnishing information satisfactory to  
18 the county recorder.

19 A fee of one dollar plus a writing fee shall be  
20 paid to the county recorder for a duplicate  
21 registration certificate.

22 If a vessel, registered under this chapter, is  
23 destroyed or abandoned, the destruction or abandonment  
24 shall be reported to the county recorder and the  
25 registration certificate shall be forwarded to the  
26 office of the county recorder within ten days after  
27 the destruction or abandonment.

28 ~~5.~~ 6. All records of the commission and the  
29 county recorder, other than those declared by law to  
30 be confidential for the use of the commission and the  
31 county recorder, shall be open to public inspection  
32 during office hours.

33 ~~6.~~ 7. The owner of each vessel which has a valid  
34 marine document issued by the bureau of customs of the  
35 United States government or any federal agency  
36 successor thereto shall register it every ~~two~~ three  
37 years with the county recorder in the same manner  
38 prescribed for undocumented vessels and shall cause  
39 the registration validation decal to be placed on the  
40 vessel in the manner prescribed by the rules of the  
41 commission. When the vessel bears the identification  
42 required in the documentation, it is exempt from the  
43 placement of the identification numbers as required on  
44 undocumented vessels. The fee for such registration  
45 is twenty-five dollars plus a writing fee.

46 ~~7.~~ 8. If the owner of a currently registered  
47 vessel places the vessel in storage, the owner shall  
48 return the registration certificate to the county  
49 recorder with an affidavit stating that the vessel is  
50 placed in storage and the effective date of the

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1 storage. The county recorder shall notify the  
2 commission of each registered vessel placed in  
3 storage. When the owner of a stored vessel desires to  
4 renew the vessel's registration, the owner shall apply  
5 to the county recorder and pay the registration fees  
6 plus a writing fee as provided in subsections 1 and 3  
7 without penalty. No refund of registration fees shall  
8 be allowed for a stored vessel.

9 ~~8.~~ 9. The registration certificate shall indicate  
10 if the vessel is subject to the requirement of a  
11 certificate of title and the county from which the  
12 certificate of title is issued.

13 10. To implement the change from odd-numbered  
14 calendar year registration to the system provided for  
15 in subsection 4, the vessels registered by the county  
16 recorder on or after December 1, 2004, shall be  
17 registered as follows:

18 a. Vessel registrations which are not delinquent  
19 under the calendar year system may be registered on or  
20 after December 1, 2004, up to and including April 30,  
21 2005, without penalty. Registrations paid on or after  
22 May 1, 2005, shall be subject to a penalty of five  
23 dollars.

24 b. Vessels shall be registered for the registration  
25 period as defined in section 462A.2 minus any  
26 unexpired months remaining under the previous  
27 registration. If the registration of the vessel is  
28 for a period of less than thirty-six months, the  
29 registration fee shall be prorated for the unexpired  
30 months. If the registration of the vessel is for a  
31 period of more than thirty-six months, the  
32 registration shall be prorated for the additional  
33 months.

34 c. When a registration fee computed contains a  
35 fractional part of a dollar, the fee shall be computed  
36 to the nearest half-dollar. However, the fee shall  
37 not be less than one dollar."

38 2. Page 2, line 34, by inserting after the word  
39 "operator" the following: "of a personal watercraft  
40 or".

41 3. Page 3, line 1, by striking the words  
42 "~~personal watercraft~~" and inserting the following:  
43 "personal watercraft or".

44 4. Page 3, line 2, by striking the words  
45 "~~personal watercraft~~" and inserting the following:  
46 "personal watercraft or".

47 5. Page 3, line 4, by inserting after the word  
48 "in" the following: "personal watercraft or".

49 6. Page 3, line 7, by striking the words  
50 "~~personal watercraft~~" and inserting the following:

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1 "personal watercraft or".

2 7. Page 7, by inserting after line 12, the  
3 following:

4 "Sec. \_\_\_\_ . APPLICABILITY. The registration system  
5 established for vessels pursuant to this Act applies  
6 to new registrations on or after January 1, 2005, and  
7 to renewals effective for registration periods  
8 beginning on or after January 1, 2005."

9 8. By renumbering as necessary.

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