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02/26/2026	6407	Introduction and first reading Referred to Environment, Climate, and Legacy

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to watercraft; reducing watercraft licensing fees; amending Minnesota

1.3 Statutes 2024, section 86B.415, subdivisions 1, 1a, 2, 3, 4, 5; repealing Minnesota

1.4 Statutes 2024, section 86B.005, subdivision 11a.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 86B.415, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Watercraft 19 feet or less.** (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) and

1.8 subdivision 1a, the fee for a watercraft license for watercraft 19 feet or less in length is ~~\$59~~

1.9 \$27.

1.10 (b) The watercraft license fee is:

1.11 (1) for watercraft, other than personal watercraft, 19 feet in length or less that is offered

1.12 for rent or lease, ~~\$14~~ \$9;

1.13 (2) for a sailboat, 19 feet in length or less, ~~\$23~~ \$10.50;

1.14 (3) for a watercraft 19 feet in length or less used by a nonprofit corporation for teaching

1.15 boat and water safety, as provided in subdivision 4;

1.16 (4) for a watercraft owned by a dealer under a dealer's license, as provided in subdivision

1.17 5;

1.18 (5) for a personal watercraft, ~~including one offered for rent or lease, \$85~~ \$37.50; and

1.19 (6) for a watercraft less than 17 feet in length, other than a watercraft listed in clauses

1.20 (1) to (5), ~~\$36~~ \$18.

2.1 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 86B.415, subdivision 1a, is amended to read:

2.2 Subd. 1a. **Canoes, kayaks, sailboards, paddleboards, paddleboats, or rowing**
2.3 **shells.** The fee for a watercraft license for a canoe, kayak, sailboard, paddleboard, paddleboat,
2.4 or rowing shell over ten feet in length is ~~\$23~~ \$10.50.

2.5 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 86B.415, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

2.6 Subd. 2. **Watercraft over 19 feet.** Except as provided in subdivisions 1a, 3, 4, and 5,
2.7 the watercraft license fee:

2.8 (1) for a watercraft more than 19 feet but less than 26 feet in length is ~~\$113~~ \$45;

2.9 (2) for a watercraft 26 feet but less than 40 feet in length is ~~\$164~~ \$67.50; and

2.10 (3) for a watercraft 40 feet in length or longer is ~~\$209~~ \$90.

2.11 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 86B.415, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

2.12 Subd. 3. **Watercraft over 19 feet for commercial-use hire.** The license fee for a
2.13 watercraft used ~~primarily for charter fishing, commercial fishing, commercial passenger~~
2.14 ~~carrying, or other commercial operation~~ more than 19 feet in length for hire with an operator
2.15 is ~~\$164~~ \$75 each.

2.16 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 86B.415, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

2.17 Subd. 4. **Watercraft used by nonprofit corporation for teaching.** The watercraft
2.18 license fee for a watercraft used by a nonprofit organization for teaching boat and water
2.19 safety is ~~\$8~~ \$4.50 each.

2.20 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 86B.415, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

2.21 Subd. 5. **Dealer's license.** There is no separate fee for watercraft owned by a dealer
2.22 under a dealer's license. The fee for a dealer's license is ~~\$142~~ \$67.50.

2.23 Sec. 7. **REPEALER.**

2.24 Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 86B.005, subdivision 11a, is repealed.

2.25 Sec. 8. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

2.26 Sections 1 to 7 are effective July 1, 2026.

APPENDIX
Repealed Minnesota Statutes: 26-06865

86B.005 DEFINITIONS.

Subd. 11a. **Other commercial operation.** "Other commercial operation" means use of a watercraft for work, rather than recreation, to transport equipment, goods, and materials on public waters.