

CHAPTER 86B

WATER SAFETY, WATERCRAFT, AND WATERCRAFT
TITLING

86B.401 Watercraft licenses.

86B.415 License fees.

86B.401 WATERCRAFT LICENSES.*[For text of subsds 1 to 12, see M.S.1998]*

Subd. 13. **Collector watercraft.** (a) The owner of a watercraft built before July 1, 1959, that is used solely as a collector's item may affix any license numbers and decals that are required for the watercraft by section 86B.301, subdivision 1, and rules adopted pursuant to that section so that the numbers and decals are readily detachable.

(b) The authority issuing a permit under section 86B.121 for any exhibit, regatta, or boat parade held on the waters of this state may exempt a collector watercraft from displaying the license numbers and decals required by section 86B.301, subdivision 1, during the duration of the event. The authority may also exempt the collector watercraft from any equipment and operational requirements and any license requirements in section 86B.301 for the duration of the event.

History: 1999 c 22 s 1

86B.415 LICENSE FEES.

Subdivision 1. **Watercraft 19 feet or less.** The fee for a watercraft license for watercraft 19 feet or less in length is \$18 except:

(1) for watercraft, other than personal watercraft, 19 feet in length or less that is offered for rent or lease, the fee is \$6;

(2) for a canoe, kayak, sailboat, sailboard, paddle boat, or rowing shell 19 feet in length or less, the fee is \$7;

(3) for a watercraft 19 feet in length or less used by a nonprofit corporation for teaching boat and water safety, the fee is as provided in subdivision 4;

(4) for a watercraft owned by a dealer under a dealer's license, the fee is as provided in subdivision 5;

(5) for a personal watercraft, the fee is \$25; and

(6) for a watercraft less than 17 feet in length, other than a watercraft listed in clauses (1) to (5), the fee is \$12.

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

(1) for a watercraft more than 19 feet but less than 26 feet in length is \$30;

(2) for a watercraft 26 feet but less than 40 feet in length is \$45; and

(3) for a watercraft 40 feet in length or longer is \$60.

Subd. 3. **Watercraft over 19 feet for hire.** The license fee for a watercraft more than 19 feet in length for hire with an operator is \$50 each.

Subd. 4. **Watercraft used by nonprofit corporation for teaching.** The watercraft license fee for a watercraft used by a nonprofit organization for teaching boat and water safety is \$3 each.

Subd. 5. **Dealer's license.** There is no separate fee for watercraft owned by a dealer under a dealer's license. The fee for a dealer's license is \$45.

Subd. 6. **Transfer or duplicate license.** The fee to transfer a watercraft license or be issued a duplicate license is \$3.

Subd. 7. **Watercraft surcharge.** A \$5 surcharge is placed on each watercraft licensed under subdivisions 1 to 5 for control, public awareness, law enforcement, monitoring, and research of nuisance aquatic exotic species such as zebra mussel, purple loosestrife, and Eurasian water milfoil in public waters and public wetlands.

Subd. 7a. [Repealed, 1999 c 231 s 207]

Subd. 8. **Registrar's fee.** In addition to the license fee, a fee of \$2 shall be charged for a watercraft license:

(1) issued through the registrar or a deputy registrar of motor vehicles and the additional fee shall be disposed of in the manner provided in section 168.33, subdivision 2; or

(2) issued through the commissioner and the additional fee shall be deposited in the state treasury and credited to the water recreation account.

Subd. 9. **Disposition of receipts.** Money received for watercraft licenses shall be deposited in the state treasury and credited to the water recreation account.

Subd. 10. **Accounting.** The commissioner of natural resources, in agreement with the commissioner of public safety, may prescribe the accounting and procedural requirements necessary to assure efficient handling of watercraft registrations and license fees by deputy registrars. Deputy registrars shall strictly comply with these accounting and procedural requirements.

History: 1999 c 231 s 112