

CHAPTER 86B

WATER SAFETY, WATERCRAFT, AND
WATERCRAFT TITLING

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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 \$27 except:

(1) for watercraft, other than personal watercraft, 19 feet in length or less that is offered for rent or lease, the fee is \$9;

(2) for a canoe, kayak, sailboat, sailboard, paddle boat, or rowing shell 19 feet in length or less, the fee is \$10.50;

(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 \$37.50; and

(6) for a watercraft less than 17 feet in length, other than a watercraft listed in clauses (1) to (5), the fee is \$18.

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 \$45;

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

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

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 \$75 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 \$4.50 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 \$67.50.

Subd. 6. **Transfer or duplicate license.** The fee to transfer a watercraft license or be issued a duplicate license is \$4.50.

[For text of subs 7 to 10, see M.S.2004]

Subd. 11. **Refunds.** The commissioner may issue a refund on a license or title, not including any issuing fees paid under subdivision 8 or section 84.027, subdivision 15, paragraph (a), clause (3), or 86B.870, subdivision 1, paragraph (b), if the refund request is received within 12 months of the original license or title and:

(1) the watercraft was licensed or titled incorrectly by the commissioner or the deputy registrar;

(2) the customer was incorrectly charged a title fee; or

(3) the watercraft was licensed or titled twice, once by the dealer and once by the customer.

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86B.501 PERSONAL FLOTATION AND LIFESAVING DEVICES.

[For text of subs 1 and 2, see M.S.2004]

Subd. 3. Grant Allen Law; life jacket required for children. (a) No person may operate a watercraft under way with a child under ten years of age aboard unless the child is:

(1) wearing an appropriate personal flotation device approved under subdivision 1; or

(2) below the top deck or in an enclosed cabin.

(b) Paragraph (a) does not apply to commercial watercraft where the child is a passenger and the operator is licensed by the state of Minnesota or the United States Coast Guard to carry passengers for hire. Paragraph (a) also does not apply if the watercraft is anchored for the purpose of swimming or diving.

(c) A first violation of this subdivision prior to May 1, 2006, shall not result in a penalty, but is punishable only by a safety warning.

(d) Any violation other than a violation addressed in paragraph (c) is to be considered a petty misdemeanor.

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86B.706 WATER RECREATION ACCOUNT; RECEIPTS AND PURPOSE.

Subdivision 1. Creation. The water recreation account is created in the state treasury in the natural resources fund.

Subd. 2. Money deposited in account. The following shall be deposited in the state treasury and credited to the water recreation account:

(1) fees and surcharges from titling and licensing of watercraft under this chapter;

(2) fines, installment payments, and forfeited bail according to section 86B.705, subdivision 2;

(3) civil penalties according to section 84D.13;

(4) mooring fees and receipts from the sale of marine gas at state-operated or state-assisted small craft harbors and mooring facilities according to section 86A.21;

(5) the unrefunded gasoline tax attributable to watercraft use under section 296A.18; and

(6) fees for permits issued to control or harvest aquatic plants other than wild rice under section 103G.615, subdivision 2.

Subd. 3. Purposes. The money in the account may be expended only as appropriated by law for the following purposes:

(1) as directed under section 296A.18, subdivision 2, for acquisition, development, maintenance, and rehabilitation of public water access and boating facilities on public waters; lake and river improvements; and boat and water safety;

(2) from the fees collected at state-operated or state-assisted small craft harbors and mooring facilities from daily and seasonal moorings and the sale of marine gas, for maintenance, operation, replacement, and expansion of these facilities and for the debt service on state bonds sold to finance these facilities;

(3) for administration and enforcement of this chapter as it pertains to titling and licensing of watercraft and use and safe operation of watercraft; grants for county-sponsored and administered boat and water safety programs; and state boat and water safety efforts;

(4) for management of aquatic invasive species and the implementation of chapter 84D as it pertains to aquatic invasive species, including control, public awareness, law enforcement, assessment and monitoring, management planning, and research; and

(5) for management of aquatic plants and the implementation of section 103G.615 as it pertains to aquatic plants, including plant removal permitting, control, public awareness, law enforcement, assessment and monitoring, management planning, and research.

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