86B.415 LICENSE FEES.

Subdivision 1. **Watercraft 19 feet or less.** (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) and subdivision 1a, the fee for a watercraft license for watercraft 19 feet or less in length is $59.

(b) The watercraft license fee is:

(1) for watercraft, other than personal watercraft, 19 feet in length or less that is offered for rent or lease, $14;

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

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

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

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

(6) for a watercraft less than 17 feet in length, other than a watercraft listed in clauses (1) to (5), $36.

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

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

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

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

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

Subd. 3. **Watercraft for commercial use.** The license fee for watercraft used primarily for charter fishing, commercial fishing, commercial passenger carrying, or other commercial operation is $164 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 $8 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 $142.

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

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

(1) for a watercraft 19 feet or less in length, other than a watercraft listed in clauses (2) to (8), $29;

(2) for a watercraft, other than personal watercraft, 19 feet in length or less that is offered for rent or lease, $25;

(3) for a sailboat 19 feet in length or less, $20;

(4) for a watercraft used by a nonprofit corporation for teaching boat and water safety, $14;

(5) for a watercraft owned by a dealer under a dealer's license, $50;

(6) for a personal watercraft, including one offered for rent or lease, $25;

(7) for a watercraft less than 17 feet in length, other than a watercraft listed in clauses (2) to (6), $25;

(8) for a canoe, kayak, sailboard, paddleboard, paddleboat, or rowing shell over ten feet in length, $20;

(9) for a watercraft more than 19 feet but less than 26 feet in length, other than a watercraft listed in clauses (4), (5), (8), and (12), $38;

(10) for a watercraft 26 feet but less than 40 feet in length, other than a watercraft listed in clauses (4), (5), (8), and (12), $50;

(11) for a watercraft 40 feet in length or longer, other than a watercraft listed in clauses (4), (5), (8), and (12), $62; and

(12) for a watercraft used primarily for charter fishing, commercial fishing, commercial passenger carrying, or other commercial operation, $50.

Subd. 7a. MS 1998 [Repealed, 1999 c 231 s 207]

Subd. 8. **Registrar's fee.** In addition to other fees prescribed by law, a filing fee of $4.50 shall be charged for each watercraft license renewal, duplicate or replacement license, and replacement decal and a filing fee of $7 shall be charged for each watercraft license and license transfer issued by:

(1) 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) 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.

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 (2), or 86B.870, subdivision 1, paragraph (b), if the refund request is received within 60 days of the original license or title, the license or title is not used or transferred, and:

(1) the watercraft was licensed or titled incorrectly;

(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.

[See Note.]

History: *1990 c 391 art 9 s 24; 1991 c 199 art 1 s 12; 1991 c 254 art 2 s 19; 1992 c 594 s 10; 1993 c 235 s 3; 1995 c 220 s 73,74; 1998 c 401 s 28,29; 1999 c 231 s 112; 2003 c 128 art 1 s 47; 2004 c 243 s 37; 1Sp2005 c 1 art 2 s 58-64; 2009 c 176 art 2 s 9; 2012 c 277 art 1 s 13-15; 1Sp2019 c 4 art 3 s 34; 2023 c 60 art 4 s 29-34; 2023 c 69 s 5; 2024 c 90 art 1 s 18; 1Sp2025 c 1 art 4 s 5*

NOTE: The amendment to subdivision 11 by Laws 2024, chapter 90, article 1, section 18, is effective upon full implementation of the vehicle registration portions of the electronic license system. The commissioner of natural resources must notify the revisor of statutes when the vehicle registration portions of the replacement electronic license system are fully implemented. Laws 2024, chapter 90, article 1, section 52, as amended by Laws 2026, chapter 126, article 4, section 4.