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8 SYNOPSIS: The owner of a vessel is required to
9 register the vessel on an annual basis. As a part
10 of the registration, the owner applies for a number
11 assigned to the vessel. The owner is required to
12 paint or attach the number to each side of the bow
13 of the vessel and to attach decals for annual
14 registration.

15 This bill would require the Alabama Law
16 Enforcement Agency to issue five-year
17 identification number stickers to be placed on both
18 sides of the bow of the vessel. The cost of the
19 identification number stickers, upon collection,
20 would be paid to the Department of Conservation and
21 Natural Resources earmarked for the operation of
22 the state parks.

23 The bill would further authorize the owner
24 of a vessel to obtain identification stickers
25 supporting any organization authorized to obtain a
26 distinctive motor vehicle license tag. The design
27 of these various stickers would be subject to

1 approval by the Joint Legislative Oversight
2 Committee on License Tags and the secretary of the
3 agency. The annual cost of distinctive
4 identification stickers would be \$50, with \$25
5 earmarked for the supported organization or fund
6 and \$25 earmarked to the Department of Conservation
7 and Natural Resources for the operation of the
8 state parks.

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10 A BILL
11 TO BE ENTITLED
12 AN ACT
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14 Relating to the registration of vessels; to amend
15 Section 33-5-11 of the Code of Alabama 1975, relating to the
16 numbering of vessels; to provide for identification number
17 stickers to be issued by the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency;
18 to authorize identification stickers supporting organizations
19 under certain conditions; and to provide for fees and
20 distribution.

21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

22 Section 1. Section 33-5-11 of the Code of Alabama
23 1975, is amended to read as follows:

24 "§33-5-11.

25 "(a) The Except as otherwise provided in subsection
26 (b), the owner of each vessel requiring numbering by this
27 state shall file an application for a number with the probate

1 judges' offices, or license commissioner, in the county of
2 residence of the purchaser, or the county in which the vessel
3 is domiciled, or in the county where the vessel is purchased,
4 or if purchased out of state, in the county of residence of
5 the purchaser, or in the county where the vessel is domiciled
6 on forms approved by the ~~Department of Conservation and~~
7 ~~Natural Resources~~ Alabama Law Enforcement Agency. The
8 application shall be filed by the owner of the vessel and
9 shall be accompanied by a fee in accordance with Section
10 33-5-17. Upon receipt of the application and its approval by
11 the authorized issuing officer, the officer shall enter the
12 same upon the records and issue to the applicant a certificate
13 of registration stating the number awarded to the vessel, the
14 name and address of the owner, and a description of the
15 vessel. The owner shall ~~paint on or~~ attach to each side of the
16 bow of the vessel ~~the annual~~ an identification number sticker
17 valid for five years issued in such manner as may be
18 prescribed by rules ~~and regulations~~ of the ~~Department of~~
19 ~~Conservation and Natural Resources~~ Alabama Law Enforcement
20 Agency, that it may be clearly visible and be of such size as
21 required by the Federal Boating Act of 1958 or any subsequent
22 amendment thereto. The number shall be maintained in legible
23 condition. The certificate of registration shall be pocket
24 size and shall be available at all times for inspection on the
25 vessel for which issued whenever the vessel is in operation.
26 Each pair of five-year identification number stickers shall be
27 furnished by the agency for a cost of twenty dollars (\$20)

1 plus an additional two dollar (\$2) issuance fee. The issuance
2 fee shall be paid to the issuing officer in each county. The
3 proceeds from the issuance of the stickers, less the issuance
4 fee and cost of production and processing, shall be paid to
5 the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources earmarked
6 for the state parks.

7 "(b) In lieu of the regular identification number
8 stickers issued by the agency and subject to certain
9 transition provisions as further provided in subsection (c),
10 the owner of a vessel may request five-year distinctive
11 identification stickers showing support for any organization
12 approved for the issuance of distinctive motor vehicle license
13 tags as provided pursuant to Section 32-6-64. The design and
14 use of the stickers shall be approved by the Joint Legislative
15 Oversight Committee on License Tags created pursuant to
16 Section 32-6-67 and the secretary of the agency. The
17 additional cost of distinctive identification stickers for a
18 vessel shall be fifty dollars (\$50). Except as provided in
19 subsection (c), twenty-five dollars (\$25) of the proceeds
20 shall be distributed to the organization sponsoring the
21 distinctive license tag and twenty-five dollars (\$25) less any
22 additional cost of production and processing, shall be
23 distributed to the Department of Conservation and Natural
24 Resources earmarked for the operation of the state parks.

25 "(c) If the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on
26 License Tags has approved a distinctive design for a motor
27 vehicle license tag that does not currently provide revenue to

1 a sponsoring organization, the fifty dollars (\$50) additional
2 cost, less any additional cost of production and processing,
3 shall be distributed to the Department of Conservation and
4 Natural Resources earmarked for the operation of the state
5 parks.

6 "(d) The first period for the issuance of a
7 distinctive identification sticker after approval by the joint
8 committee shall be for a period corresponding to the end of
9 the current period of registration for distinctive motor
10 vehicle license tags for the same sponsoring organization. The
11 distinctive identification stickers may then be renewed for
12 five years on the anniversary date for the renewal of a
13 distinctive motor vehicle license tag for the same sponsoring
14 organization."

15 Section 2. This act shall be implemented on the
16 2016-2017 registration year for vessels.

17 Section 3. All laws or parts of laws which conflict
18 with this act are repealed.

19 Section 4. This act shall become effective
20 immediately following its passage and approval by the
21 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.