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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 143

BY RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

AN ACT
RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES; AMENDING CHAPTER 3, TITLE 36, IDAHO CODE,
BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 36-311, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE THAT
CERTAIN VESSELS SHALL PAY SPECIFIED FEES, TO PROVIDE FOR PROTECTION
AGAINST INVASIVE SPECIES PERMITS AND STICKERS, TO PROVIDE FOR EFFECTIVE DATES OF PERMITS AND STICKERS, TO PROVIDE THAT FAILURE TO DISPLAY
STICKERS IN DESIGNATED MANNERS SHALL BE UNLAWFUL, TO PROVIDE AN EXEMPTION RELATING TO DISPLAY REQUIREMENTS, TO PROVIDE A PROCEDURE FOR SUCH
EXEMPTION, TO SPECIFY FEE PROVISIONS, TO DEFINE A TERM, TO PROVIDE FOR
APPLICABILITY, TO PROVIDE A PROCEDURE RELATING TO PERMITS AND STICKERS
USED IN THE TESTING AND DEMONSTRATION OF VESSELS, TO PROVIDE FOR VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES AND TO PROVIDE FOR ENFORCEMENT; REPEALING SECTION
67-7008A, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO THE COLLECTION AND DEPOSIT OF FEES FOR
INVASIVE SPECIES STICKERS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. That Chapter 3, Title 36, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended by the addition thereto of a <u>NEW SECTION</u>, to be known and designated as Section 36-311, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

- 36-311. ISSUANCE OF PROTECTION AGAINST INVASIVE SPECIES PERMITS AND STICKERS -- DEPOSIT INTO INVASIVE SPECIES FUND. (1) In addition to any other moneys or fees collected pursuant to any provision of chapter 70, title 67, Idaho Code, certain vessels shall pay an additional fee each calendar year as follows:
 - (a) Five dollars and fifty cents (\$5.50) per nonmotorized resident or nonresident vessel prior to launch into the public waters of the state.
 - (b) Twenty dollars and fifty cents (\$20.50) per vessel documented through the United States coast guard or registered outside the state of Idaho prior to launch into the public waters of the state.
 - (c) Licensed outfitters and guides, as defined in section 36-2102, Idaho Code, with nonmotorized fleets exceeding five (5) vessels shall be afforded a prorated group rate using the number of vessels within the fleet at the time of purchase of protection against invasive species permits of thirty dollars and fifty cents (\$30.50) for six (6) to ten (10) vessels; fifty-five dollars and fifty cents (\$55.50) for eleven (11) to twenty (20) vessels; and one hundred dollars and fifty cents (\$100.50) for twenty-one (21) or more vessels up to a maximum of one hundred (100) vessels. The fee for any additional vessels shall be one dollar (\$1.00) per vessel. The licensed outfitter group rates shall also be available for groups exempt from licensing pursuant to section 36-2103, Idaho Code.
- (2) Upon payment of the fee as provided in this section, the payor shall be issued a protection against invasive species permit and an associated

sticker. Protection against invasive species permits and the associated stickers shall be considered in full force and effect through December 31 of the year of issue.

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to operate or for the owner to permit the operation upon the public waters of the state of Idaho a vessel that does not display a current protection against invasive species sticker as follows:
 - (i) For nonmotorized canoes, kayaks and other small rigid vessels, the sticker should be affixed near the bow above the waterline on the left side or on top of the vessel if there is little or no waterline distinction. For nonmotorized inflatable vessels, the sticker can be modified to allow attachment in a plastic pouch or other similar mechanism or be laminated into a hang tag.
 - (ii) For motorized vessels described in subsection (1) (b) of this section, the sticker should be affixed next to the current year registration validation sticker on the left side of the vessel.
- (b) The provisions of subsection (2) (a) of this section shall not apply to nonmotorized fleets exceeding five (5) vessels with protection against invasive species permits purchased by licensed outfitters and guides, as defined in section 36-2102, Idaho Code. Protection against invasive species permits for nonmotorized vessels purchased by licensed outfitters and guides for nonmotorized fleets exceeding five (5) vessels shall be accompanied by an affidavit that shall be signed by the outfitter or guide. The signed affidavit shall verify the number of vessels within the covered fleet and that the appropriate number of protection against invasive species permits has been purchased. The protection against invasive species permits and affidavit shall be kept on file at the outfitter or guide's physical address and shall be made available for inspection upon request by law enforcement.
- (c) For vessels operating in the Snake River where it forms the boundary line between the state of Idaho and the state of Washington or the state of Oregon, in Palisades Reservoir or in Bear Lake, the provisions of subsection (2) (a) of this section shall not apply to persons operating vessels with a valid permit or sticker for invasive species prevention issued by the state with whom the waterbody is shared.
- (3) Fees for protection against invasive species permits and associated stickers for vessels pursuant to this section shall be collected by the department or authorized vendor for the department.
 - (a) Vendors issuing permits and associated stickers pursuant to this section shall retain an additional vendor issuance fee pursuant to section 36-306, Idaho Code. Outfitters and guides shall pay a single vendor issuance fee per each prorated group rate purchase.
 - (b) The department shall retain up to twenty percent (20%) of the permit fees, exclusive of the vendor issuance fee, for administering issuance of protection against invasive species permits and associated stickers.
 - (c) All remaining fees collected pursuant to this section, exclusive of vendor fees, shall be transferred by the department to the invasive species fund established in section 22-1911, Idaho Code.

(4) For the purpose of this section, "vessel" is as defined in section 67-7003(22), Idaho Code. All nonmotorized vessels are subject to the provisions of this section, with the exception of inflatable vessels less than ten (10) feet in length.

- (5) If a protection against invasive species permit or the associated sticker issued pursuant to this section is lost, stolen or destroyed, a new permit with the associated sticker shall be purchased.
- (6) A person engaged in the manufacture or sale of nonmotorized vessels may obtain a permit and the associated sticker to be used in the testing or demonstration only of vessels by temporary placement of the protection against invasive species permit and the associated sticker on the vessel tested or demonstrated.
 - (7) (a) Any person who violates any of the provisions of this section shall be guilty of an infraction and shall be punished as provided in accordance with the provisions of the Idaho infraction rules.
 - (b) The provisions of this section shall be enforced by the law enforcement personnel of the department, the Idaho state police, the sheriffs and their deputies of the various counties in the state, and peace officers of each city. The provisions of this section relating to licensed outfitters shall also be enforced by the law enforcement personnel of the Idaho outfitters and guides licensing board.
- SECTION 2. That Section 67-7008A, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby repealed.
- SECTION 3. This act shall be in full force and effect on and after December 1, 2013.