

First Regular Session of the 123rd General Assembly (2023)

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HOUSE ENROLLED ACT No. 1304

AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning motor vehicles.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. IC 9-18.1-14.5-6, AS ADDED BY P.L.164-2020, SECTION 38, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2024]: Sec. 6. (a) A request for registration under this chapter must be signed by the owner of the watercraft and accompanied by the appropriate fee specified ~~under in~~ subsection (b). The fee to renew a watercraft registration is ~~based upon the appropriate fee~~ specified ~~under in~~ subsection (c).

(b) The fee to register a watercraft in its first year of registration is the amount determined by STEP THREE of the following formula:

STEP ONE: Determine the appropriate fee based upon the length of the watercraft as follows:

Watercraft Length (in feet)

At Least	But Less Than	Fee (\$) (before January 1, 2017)	Fee (\$) (after December 31, 2016)
0	13	16.50	15
13	26	18.50	18
26	40	21.50	21
40		26.50	24

STEP TWO: Determine the appropriate fee based upon the value of the watercraft as follows:

Value (\$)	Value (\$)	Fee (\$)
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Greater Than or Equal to	Less Than	
0	1,000	5
1,000	3,000	10
3,000	5,000	15
5,000	10,000	20
10,000		25

STEP THREE: Determine the sum of the STEP ONE amount plus the STEP TWO amount.

(c) The fee to renew a watercraft registration is based upon the value of the watercraft as follows:

Value (\$)	Value (\$)	Fee (\$)
Greater Than or Equal to	Less Than	
0	1,000	10
1,000	3,000	15
3,000	5,000	20
5,000	10,000	25
10,000		30

Class	Boat Value When New		Fee Due
	At Least	But Less Than	
1	\$0.01	\$500	\$15
2	500	1,000	15
3	1,000	1,500	20
4	1,500	2,000	20
5	2,000	3,000	20
6	3,000	5,000	25
7	5,000	7,500	30
8	7,500	10,000	30
9	10,000	15,000	35
10	15,000	22,500	40
11	22,500	35,000	45
12	35,000	50,000	50
13	50,000	75,000	55
14	75,000 or more		60

(d) **For purposes of this section**, the bureau shall determine the value of a watercraft in the same manner as set forth in ~~IC 6-6-11-10~~ **IC 6-6-11-10(b)**.

(e) The fees collected under subsection (b) shall be distributed as follows:

(1) Fees collected from STEP ONE of subsection (b) shall be deposited in the fish and wildlife fund established by IC 14-22-3-2 and shall be used exclusively for the following:

(A) The enforcement of laws pertaining to watercraft.

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(B) The state's share of the cost of retirement benefits for conservation officers of the department of natural resources.

(C) Improving the navigable waters of Indiana.

(2) Sixty-six and seven-tenths percent (66.7%) of the fees collected from STEP TWO of subsection (b) shall be deposited in the lake and river enhancement fund established by IC 14-22-3.5-1.

(3) Thirty-three and three-tenths percent (33.3%) of the fees collected from STEP TWO of subsection (b) shall be deposited in the conservation officers marine enforcement fund established by IC 14-9-8-21.5.

(f) A fee collected under subsection (c) shall be distributed as follows:

(1) Five dollars (\$5) shall be deposited in the fish and wildlife fund established by IC 14-22-3-2 and shall be used exclusively for the following:

(A) The enforcement of laws pertaining to watercraft.

(B) The state's share of the cost of retirement benefits for conservation officers of the department of natural resources.

(C) Improving the navigable waters of Indiana.

(2) The remaining amount shall be distributed as follows:

(A) ~~Sixty-six and seven-tenths~~ **Seventy-five** percent (~~66.7%~~) **(75%)** to the lake and river enhancement fund established by IC 14-22-3.5-1.

(B) ~~Thirty-three and three-tenths~~ **Twenty-five** percent (~~33.3%~~) **(25%)** to the conservation officers marine enforcement fund established by IC 14-9-8-21.5.

(g) The owner of a watercraft that is registered under this section is required to:

(1) renew the registration under subsection (c); and ~~the person must~~

(2) pay any applicable fees and excise tax under IC 6-6-11-13 on the watercraft;

each year.



Speaker of the House of Representatives

President of the Senate

President Pro Tempore

Governor of the State of Indiana

Date: _____ Time: _____

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