

**SENATE
STATE OF MINNESOTA
NINETY-THIRD SESSION**

S.F. No. 229

(SENATE AUTHORS: DRAHEIM)

DATE
01/12/2023

D-PG

Introduction and first reading
Referred to Environment, Climate, and Legacy

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to natural resources; exempting paddleboards from watercraft licensure
1.3 requirements; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 86B.301, subdivision
1.4 2; 86B.415, subdivision 1a.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 86B.301, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 2. **Exemptions.** A watercraft license is not required for:

1.8 (1) a watercraft that is covered by a license or number in full force and effect under
1.9 federal law or a federally approved licensing or numbering system of another state, or a
1.10 watercraft that is owned by a person from another state and that state does not require
1.11 licensing that type of watercraft, and the watercraft has not been within this state for more
1.12 than 90 consecutive days, which does not include days that a watercraft is laid up at dock
1.13 over winter or for repairs at a Lake Superior port or another port in the state;

1.14 (2) a watercraft from a country other than the United States that has not been within this
1.15 state for more than 90 consecutive days, which does not include days that a watercraft is
1.16 laid up at dock over winter or for repairs at a Lake Superior port or another port in the state;

1.17 (3) a watercraft owned by the United States, an Indian tribal government, a state, or a
1.18 political subdivision of a state, except watercraft used for recreational purposes;

1.19 (4) a ship's lifeboat;

1.20 (5) a watercraft that has been issued a valid marine document by the United States
1.21 government;

1.22 (6) a waterfowl boat during waterfowl-hunting season;

- 2.1 (7) a rice boat during the harvest season;
- 2.2 (8) a seaplane;
- 2.3 (9) a nonmotorized watercraft ten feet in length or less; ~~and~~
- 2.4 (10) a watercraft that is covered by a valid license or number issued by a federally
- 2.5 recognized Indian tribe in the state under a federally approved licensing or numbering system
- 2.6 and that is owned by a member of that tribe; and
- 2.7 (11) a paddleboard.

2.8 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 86B.415, subdivision 1a, is amended to read:

- 2.9 Subd. 1a. **Canoes, kayaks, sailboards, ~~paddleboards~~, paddleboats, or rowing**
- 2.10 **shells.** The fee for a watercraft license for a canoe, kayak, sailboard, ~~paddleboard~~, paddleboat,
- 2.11 or rowing shell over ten feet in length is \$10.50.