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SENATE BILL NO. 108—COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

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Referred to Committee on Natural Resources

**SUMMARY**—Increases the fees for issuing certain numbers and validation decals for motorboats. (BDR 43-765)

**FISCAL NOTE:** Effect on Local Government: No.  
Effect on the State: Yes.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

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**AN ACT** relating to motorboats; increasing the fees for issuing certain numbers and validation decals for motorboats; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

1 Existing law generally prohibits a person from operating or giving permission  
2 to operate a motorboat on the waters of this State unless: (1) the motorboat is issued  
3 an identifying number in accordance with chapter 488 of NRS or in accordance  
4 with a federally approved numbering system of another state; (2) a certificate of  
5 number is in effect for the motorboat; (3) the identifying number issued for the  
6 motorboat is displayed on each side of the bow of the motorboat; and (4) a valid  
7 certificate of ownership is issued to the owner of the motorboat. (NRS 488.065)  
8 Under existing law, the fee for issuing a certificate of ownership for a motorboat is  
9 \$20, and the fee for issuing an identifying number and an accompanying certificate  
10 of number for a motorboat ranges from \$20 to \$100, depending upon the length of  
11 the motorboat. The fee for the issuance of certain identifying numbers for  
12 manufacturers or dealers of motorboats is \$20. Each year, an owner of a motorboat  
13 may renew a certificate of number issued for the motorboat by purchasing a  
14 validation decal. The fee for issuing a validation decal is equal to the amount of the  
15 fee paid for the identifying number and is also based upon the length of the  
16 motorboat. (NRS 488.075) This bill increases the fees for the issuance of  
17 identifying numbers for motorboats, the issuance of duplicate validation decals and  
18 the issuance of numbers to manufacturers and dealers of motorboats. Because the  
19 fee for issuing a validation decal for a certificate of number for a motorboat is equal  
20 to the fee paid for issuing the identification number for the motorboat, this bill also  
21 increases the fees for issuing those validation decals.

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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN  
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1       **Section 1.** NRS 488.075 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
2       488.075 1. The owner of each motorboat requiring  
3 numbering by this State shall file an application for a number and  
4 for a certificate of ownership with the Department on forms  
5 approved by it accompanied by:

6       (a) Proof of payment of Nevada sales or use tax as evidenced by  
7 proof of sale by a Nevada dealer or by a certificate of use tax paid  
8 issued by the Department of Taxation, or by proof of exemption  
9 from those taxes as provided in NRS 372.320.

10       (b) Such evidence of ownership as the Department may require.  
11       ➔ The Department shall not issue a number, a certificate of number  
12 or a certificate of ownership until this evidence is presented to it.

13       2. The application must be signed by the owner of the  
14 motorboat and must be accompanied by a fee of \$20 for the  
15 certificate of ownership and a fee according to the following  
16 schedule as determined by the straight line length which is measured  
17 from the tip of the bow to the back of the transom of the motorboat:  
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19	Less than 13 feet.....	<del>[\$20]</del> \$25
20	13 feet or more but less than 18 feet .....	<del>[25]</del> 30
21	18 feet or more but less than 22 feet .....	<del>[40]</del> 45
22	22 feet or more but less than 26 feet .....	<del>[55]</del> 65
23	26 feet or more but less than 31 feet .....	<del>[75]</del> 100
24	31 feet or more .....	<del>[100]</del> 175

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26 Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, all fees received by  
27 the Department under the provisions of this chapter must be  
28 deposited in the Wildlife Account in the State General Fund and  
29 may be expended only for the administration and enforcement of the  
30 provisions of this chapter. On or before December 31 of each year,  
31 the Department shall deposit with the respective county school  
32 districts 50 percent of each fee collected according to the  
33 motorboat's length for every motorboat registered from their  
34 respective counties. Upon receipt of the application in approved  
35 form, the Department shall enter the application upon the records of  
36 its office and issue to the applicant a certificate of number stating  
37 the number awarded to the motorboat, a certificate of ownership  
38 stating the same information and the name and address of the  
39 registered owner and the legal owner.

40       3. A certificate of number may be renewed each year by the  
41 purchase of a validation decal. The fee for a validation decal is  
42 determined by the straight line length of the motorboat and is



1 equivalent to the fee set forth in the schedule provided in subsection  
2 2. The amount of the fee for issuing a duplicate validation decal is  
3 ~~[\$20.]~~ \$25.

4 4. The owner shall paint on or attach to each side of the bow of  
5 the motorboat the identification number in such manner as may be  
6 prescribed by regulations of the Commission in order that the  
7 number may be clearly visible. The number must be maintained in  
8 legible condition.

9 5. The certificate of number must be available at all times for  
10 inspection on the motorboat for which issued, whenever the  
11 motorboat is in operation.

12 6. The Commission shall provide by regulation for the issuance  
13 of numbers to manufacturers and dealers which may be used  
14 interchangeably upon motorboats operated by the manufacturers and  
15 dealers in connection with the demonstration, sale or exchange of  
16 those motorboats. The amount of the fee for each such a number is  
17 ~~[\$20.]~~ \$25.

18 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2011.



