

HOUSE BILL 683

By Powers

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 69,  
Chapter 9, relative to registration of vessels.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 69-9-206, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection (b) and redesignating existing subsection (b) as a new subsection (c):

(b) An owner of a nonexempt vessel, as described in subsection (a), who is not a resident of this state shall make application for a certificate of number for the vessel to a county clerk in this state. The owner shall comply with the requirements of this chapter and pay the fee required by § 69-9-207.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 69-9-207(e), is amended by deleting the last sentence and substituting instead the following:

All such fees, and adjustments to the fees, must be deposited in the wildlife resources fund and must be expended solely for the administration and operation of the commission's programs and responsibilities authorized pursuant to this chapter; except, that the fees imposed by this section on owners of vessels who are not residents of this state must be expended solely for the enforcement of boating regulations under this chapter and for ensuring that waterways in this state are clean.

SECTION 3. For the purpose of promulgating rules, this act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, this act takes effect January 1, 2024, the public welfare requiring it.