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Introduced by Representatives Lenes of Shelburne and Webb of Shelburne  
Referred to Committee on  
Date:  
Subject: Motorboats; registration  
Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to authorize  
biennial registration of motorboats.

An act relating to motorboat registration periods

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. 23 V.S.A. § 3305 is amended to read:

§ 3305. FEES

(a) A person shall not operate a motorboat on the public waters of this state unless the motorboat is registered in accordance with this chapter.

(b) Annually or biennially, the owner of each motorboat required to be registered by this state shall file an application for a number with the ~~commissioner of motor vehicles~~ Commissioner of Motor Vehicles on forms approved by him or her. The application shall be signed by the owner of the motorboat and shall be accompanied by ~~a~~ an annual fee of \$22.00 and a surcharge of \$5.00, ~~or a biennial fee of \$40.00 and a surcharge of \$10.00,~~ for a motorboat in class A; by ~~a~~ an annual fee of \$33.00 and a surcharge of \$10.00,

1 or a biennial fee of \$61.00 and a surcharge of \$20.00, for a motorboat in  
2 class 1; by ~~a~~ an annual fee of \$60.00 and a surcharge of \$10.00, or a biennial  
3 fee of \$110.00 and a surcharge of \$20.00, for a motorboat in class 2; by ~~a~~ an  
4 annual fee of \$126.00 and a surcharge of \$10.00, or a biennial fee of \$232.00  
5 and a surcharge of \$20.00, for a motorboat in class 3. Upon receipt of the  
6 application in approved form, the ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner shall enter the  
7 application upon the records of the ~~department of motor vehicles~~ Department  
8 of Motor Vehicles and issue to the applicant a registration certificate stating  
9 the number awarded to the motorboat and the name and address of the owner.  
10 The owner shall paint on or attach to each side of the bow of the motorboat the  
11 identification number in such manner as may be prescribed by rules of the  
12 ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner in order that it may be clearly visible. The  
13 registration shall be void one year from the first day of the month following the  
14 month of issue in the case of annual registrations, or void two years from the  
15 first day of the month following the month of issue in the case of biennial  
16 registrations. A vessel of less than 10 horsepower used as a tender to a  
17 registered vessel shall be deemed registered, at no additional cost, and shall  
18 have painted or attached to both sides of the bow, the same registration number  
19 as the registered vessel with the number "1" after the number. The number  
20 shall be maintained in legible condition. The registration certificate shall be  
21 pocket size and shall be available at all times for inspection on the motorboat

1 for which issued, whenever the motorboat is in operation. A duplicate  
2 registration may be obtained upon payment of a fee of \$2.00 to the  
3 ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner. Notwithstanding section 3319 of this chapter,  
4 \$5.00 of each registration fee shall be allocated to the ~~transportation fund~~  
5 Transportation Fund. The remainder of the fee shall be allocated in accordance  
6 with section 3319 of this title.

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8 (d)(1) Registration of a motorboat ends when the owner transfers title to  
9 another. The former owner shall immediately return directly to the  
10 ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner the registration certificate previously assigned to  
11 the transferred motorboat with the date of sale and the name and residence of  
12 the new owner endorsed on the back of the certificate.

13 (2) When a person transfers the ownership of a registered motorboat to  
14 another, files a new application and pays a fee of \$5.00, he or she may have  
15 registered in his or her name another motorboat of the same class for the  
16 remainder of the registration ~~year~~ period without payment of any additional  
17 registration fee. However, if the fee for the registration of the motorboat  
18 sought to be registered is greater than the registration fee for the transferred  
19 motorboat, the applicant shall pay the difference between the fee first paid and  
20 the fee for the class motorboat sought to be registered.

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1 (f) Every registration certificate awarded under this subchapter shall  
2 continue in effect ~~for one year from the first day of the month of issue as~~  
3 prescribed in subsection (b) of this section unless sooner ended under this  
4 chapter. The registration certificate may be renewed by the owner in the same  
5 manner provided for in securing the initial certificate.

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7 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

8 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2013.