

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
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CHAPTER 162  
SENATE BILL 110

AN ACT TO AMEND G.S. 75A-7 TO EMPOWER THE WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION TO PERMIT THE VOLUNTARY NUMBERING OF MOTORBOATS OWNED BY A GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY AND THE ISSUANCE OF PERMANENT CERTIFICATES OF NUMBER TO MOTORBOATS OWNED BY GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES AND NONPROFIT RESCUE SQUADS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**Section 1.** The text of G.S. 75A-7 is amended by designating the existing provision as subsection "(a)" and adding two new subsections as follows:

"(b) The Wildlife Resources Commission is hereby empowered to permit the voluntary numbering of motorboats owned by the United States, a state or a subdivision thereof.

(c) Those motorboats owned by the United States, a state or a subdivision thereof and those owned by nonprofit rescue squads may be assigned a certificate of number bearing no expiration date but which shall be stamped with the word 'permanent' and shall not be renewable so long as the vessel remains the property of the governmental entity or nonprofit rescue squad. If the ownership of any such boat is transferred from one governmental entity to another or to a nonprofit rescue squad or if a boat owned by a nonprofit rescue squad is transferred to another nonprofit rescue squad or governmental entity, a new permanent certificate may be issued without charge to the successor entity. When any such boat is sold to a private owner or is otherwise transferred to private ownership, the applicable certificate of number shall be deemed to have expired immediately prior to such transfer. Prior to further use on the waters of this State, the new owner shall obtain either a temporary certificate of number or a regular certificate pursuant to the provisions of this Chapter. The provisions of this subsection applicable to motorboats owned by nonprofit rescue squads apply only to those operated exclusively for rescue purposes, including rescue training."

**Sec. 2.** This act is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 1st day of April, 1981.