

AN ACT

To repeal sections 306.020 and 306.030, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof four new sections relating to watercraft regulation, with penalty provisions.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

Section A. Sections 306.020 and 306.030, RSMo, are repealed and four new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 306.020, 306.030, 306.149, and 306.168, to read as follows:

306.020. Every [vessel] watercraft on the waters of this state shall be numbered. No person shall operate or give permission for the operation of any [vessel] watercraft on the waters of this state unless the [vessel] watercraft is numbered in accordance with this chapter, or in accordance with applicable federal law, or in accordance with a federally approved numbering system of another state, and unless the certificate of number awarded to the [vessel] watercraft is in full force and effect, and unless the identifying number set forth in the certificate of number is displayed on each side of the bow of the [vessel] watercraft.

306.030. 1. The owner of each [vessel] watercraft requiring numbering by this state shall file an application for number with the department of revenue on forms provided by it.

The application shall contain a full description of the [vessel] watercraft, factory number or serial number, together with a statement of the applicant's source of title and of any liens or encumbrances on the [vessel] watercraft. For good cause shown the director of revenue may extend the period of time for making such application. The director of revenue shall use reasonable diligence in ascertaining whether the facts stated in such application are true, and, if satisfied that the applicant is the lawful owner of such [vessel] watercraft, or otherwise entitled to have the same registered in his or her name, shall thereupon issue an appropriate certificate of title over [his] the director's signature and sealed with the seal of [his] the director's office, procured and used for such purpose, and a certificate of number stating the number awarded to the [vessel] watercraft. The application shall include a provision stating that the applicant will consent to any inspection necessary to determine compliance with the provisions of this chapter and shall be signed by the owner of the [vessel] watercraft and shall be accompanied by the fee specified in subsection 8 of this section. The owner shall paint on or attach to each side of the bow of the [vessel] watercraft the identification number in a manner as may be prescribed by rules and regulations of the division of water safety in order that it may be clearly visible. The number shall be maintained in legible condition. The certificate of number shall be pocket size and shall be available

at all times for inspection on the [vessel] watercraft for which issued, whenever the [vessel] watercraft is in operation. The operator of a [vessel] watercraft in which such certificate of number is not available for inspection by the state water patrol or, if the operator cannot be determined, the person who is the registered owner of the [vessel] watercraft shall be subject to the penalties provided in section 306.210. [Vessels] Watercraft owned by the state or a political subdivision shall be registered but no fee shall be assessed for such registration.

2. Each new [vessel] watercraft sold in this state after January 1, [1970] 2004, shall have die stamped on or within three feet of the transom or stern a factory number or serial number.

3. The owner of any [vessel] watercraft already covered by a number in full force and effect which has been awarded to it pursuant to then operative federal law or a federally approved numbering system of another state shall record the number prior to operating the [vessel] watercraft on the waters of this state in excess of the sixty-day reciprocity period provided for in section 306.080. The recordation and payment of registration fee shall be in the manner and pursuant to the procedure required for the award of a number under subsection 1 of this section. No additional or substitute number shall be issued unless the number is a duplicate of an existing Missouri number.

4. In the event that an agency of the United States government shall have in force an overall system of

identification numbering for [vessels] watercraft within the United States, the numbering system employed pursuant to this chapter by the department of revenue shall be in conformity therewith.

5. All records of the department of revenue made and kept pursuant to this section shall be public records.

6. Every certificate of number awarded pursuant to this chapter shall continue in force and effect for a period of three years unless sooner terminated or discontinued in accordance with the provisions of this chapter. Certificates of number may be renewed by the owner in the same manner provided for in the initial securing of the same or in accordance with the provisions of sections 306.010 to 306.030.

7. The department of revenue shall fix the days and months of the year on which certificates of number due to expire during the calendar year shall lapse and no longer be of any force and effect unless renewed pursuant to this chapter and may stagger such dates in order to distribute the workload.

8. The fee to accompany each application for a certificate of number is:

For vessels under 16 feet in length

.....~~[\$10.00]~~ \$30.00

For vessels at least 16 feet in length but less than 26 feet in

length[20.00] 60.00

For vessels at least 26 feet in length but less than 40 feet in length.....[30.00] 90.00

For vessels at least 40 feet and over
.....[40.00] 120.00

9. The certificate of title and certificate of number issued by the director of revenue shall be manufactured in a manner to prohibit as nearly as possible the ability to alter, counterfeit, duplicate, or forge such certificate without ready detection.

10. All fees collected pursuant to the provisions of this section shall be deposited in the Missouri state water patrol fund and shall be used exclusively for the Missouri state water patrol.

306.149. 1. If, pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Missouri state water patrol seventy-five percent or more of the appropriate property owners located on a certain type of cove, as specified in subsection 2 of this section, have filed with the Missouri state water patrol by application and a petition requesting that a particular cove be designated as an idle no wake cove, then such cove shall be an idle no wake cove during the days and time period specified in subsection 2 of this section.

2. The provisions of this section shall only apply to:

(1) Coves on Lake Ozark with a mouth width of four hundred feet or more;

(2) Watercraft with a manufacturer's statement of origin size of twenty-six feet or more; and

(3) Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays beginning with the Friday immediately prior to Memorial Day through Labor Day.

3. The provisions of this section shall not apply to the vessels of the Missouri state water patrol or any other emergency vessel.

4. All buoys and signs shall be in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.

5. Any person who violates the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a class B misdemeanor.

306.168. 1. There is hereby created in the state treasury the "Missouri State Water Patrol Fund", which shall consist of money collected pursuant to section 306.030. The state treasurer shall be custodian of the fund and shall approve disbursements from the fund in accordance with sections 30.170 and 30.180, RSMo. Upon appropriation, money in the fund shall be used solely for the expenses of the Missouri state water patrol, including but not limited to personnel expense, training expense, and equipment expense.

2. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 33.080, RSMo, to the contrary, any moneys remaining in the fund at the end of

the biennium shall not revert to the credit of the general revenue fund.

3. The state treasurer shall invest moneys in the fund in the same manner as other funds are invested. Any interest and moneys earned on such investments shall be credited to the fund.