

ENROLLED SENATE  
BILL NO. 843

By: Littlefield of the Senate

and

Culver of the House

An Act relating to public health and safety; amending 63 O.S. 1991, Section 4005, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 321, O.S.L. 1993 (63 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 4005), which relates to the Oklahoma Vessel and Motor Registration Act; deleting certain vessels from exemption from titling and registration requirements; amending 63 O.S. 1991, Section 4030, as amended by Section 15, Chapter 284, O.S.L. 1992 (63 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 4030), which relates to display of numbers on vessels; modifying placement of permanent numbers on a vessel; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 1991, Section 4005, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 321, O.S.L. 1993 (63 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 4005), is amended to read as follows:

Section 4005. A. A vessel or motor shall not be required to be titled and registered pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Vessel and Motor Registration Act, Section 4002 et seq. of this title, if:

1. Such vessel or motor is owned by the United States, a state other than the State of Oklahoma, any agency thereof, or any subdivision of the state; provided, however, if such vessel is used for recreational or rental purposes on the waters of this state, said vessel shall be registered and numbered in accordance with Section 4002 et seq. of this title;

2. Such vessel or motor is owned by a visiting nonresident and is currently registered in another state. Provided that if any such vessel or motor remains in Oklahoma in excess of sixty (60) calendar days, such vessel or motor shall be registered pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Vessel and Motor Registration Act and the registration fees due thereon from the date of entry into Oklahoma must be paid;

3. Such vessel or motor is from a country other than the United States provided such vessel or motor does not remain in Oklahoma in excess of sixty (60) calendar days;

~~4. Such vessel is a john boat, provided a john boat shall be required to be titled pursuant to the provisions of Section 4008 of this title;~~

~~5. Such vessel is used exclusively and solely as a lifeboat;~~

~~6. 5. Such vessel is used exclusively and solely for racing purposes;~~

~~7.~~ 6. Such vessel is a commercial flotation device which is issued a permit by the Oklahoma Scenic River Commission pursuant to the provisions of Section 1461 et seq. of Title 82 of the Oklahoma Statutes; provided, a commercial flotation device shall be required to be titled pursuant to the provisions of Section 4008 of this title; or

~~8.~~ 7. Such vessel is a documented vessel provided such documented vessel shall be required to be registered pursuant to the provisions of Section 4016 of this title.

B. Motors classified as inboard motors shall not be required to be titled or registered pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Vessel and Motor Registration Act.

C. All vessels and motors which are owned by the State of Oklahoma, its agencies or departments, or political subdivisions thereof, or which, under the law, would be exempt from direct ad valorem taxation, shall be titled and registered pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Vessel and Motor Registration Act.

D. All other vessels shall be titled and registered pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Vessel and Motor Registration Act.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 1991, Section 4030, as amended by Section 15, Chapter 284, O.S.L. 1992 (63 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 4030), is amended to read as follows:

Section 4030. A. Except as otherwise provided by this section, every vessel on the waters of this state shall display the permanent number assigned to it by the Oklahoma Tax Commission which number shall not be obliterated, erased, mutilated, removed or missing.

B. The vessels authorized to display a number other than that required by the provisions of the Oklahoma Vessel and Motor Registration Act are:

1. A documented vessel, provided that such vessel is currently registered, is displaying a current registration decal, and the name, hailing port and official federal documentation number assigned to it are displayed on the vessel according to federal law or federal rules and regulations;

2. A vessel from a country other than the United States temporarily using the waters of this state;

3. A vessel from another state owned by an out-of-state resident using the waters of this state;

4. A vessel whose owner is the United States, a state or a subdivision thereof; provided, however, if such vessel is used for recreational or rental purposes on the public waters of this state, said vessel shall display the permanent number assigned to it by the Commission;

5. A vessel that is used exclusively and solely for racing purposes;

6. A vessel that is used exclusively and solely as a lifeboat; and

7. A commercial flotation device which is assigned a permit by the Oklahoma Scenic Rivers Commission pursuant to the provisions of Sections 1461 et seq. of Title 82 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

C. The owner of any vessel issued a permanent number pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Vessel and Motor Registration Act, Section 4002 et seq. of this title, shall place on or attach to ~~each side of the bow of~~ the vessel said permanent number in such manner as may be prescribed by the rules of the Commission, in order that it may be clearly visible. The number shall be maintained in legible condition.

SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 1994.

SECTION 4. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby

declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

Passed the Senate the 27th day of April, 1994.

President of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 19th day of April, 1994.

Speaker of the House of Representatives