

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 1466

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to public safety; amending 63 O.S.
8 2001, Section 4030, as last amended by Section 102,
9 Chapter 1, O.S.L. 2005 (63 O.S. Supp. 2007, Section
10 4030), which relates to the Oklahoma Vessel and Motor
11 Registration Act; requiring certain recordation of
12 permanent vessel numbers issued by certain tribes;
13 requiring development of certain numbering system;
14 requiring conformation of certain numbers to certain
15 regulations; providing system effective date;
16 providing specifications for placement of certain
17 decals and numbers; providing specifications for
18 composition of certain decals and numbers; and
19 providing an effective date.

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

21 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2001, Section 4030, as
22 last amended by Section 102, Chapter 1, O.S.L. 2005 (63 O.S. Supp.
23 2007, Section 4030), is amended to read as follows:

24 Section 4030. A. 1. 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 or by
a federally recognized Indian tribe of this state which number shall
not be obliterated, erased, mutilated, removed or missing.

1 2. In order to ensure that:

2 a. permanent numbers issued by a federally recognized
3 Indian tribe of this state conform to federal
4 statutory and regulatory requirements of the United
5 States Coast Guard, and

6 b. the rights prescribed in paragraph 1 of this
7 subsection are extended to every federally recognized
8 Indian tribe of this state,

9 every vessel on the waters of this state assigned a permanent number
10 by a federally recognized Indian tribe of this state which issues
11 permanent numbers shall be recorded and maintained by the Tax
12 Commission in the same manner as the Tax Commission records and
13 maintains the permanent number of vessels on the waters of this
14 state which are assigned by the Tax Commission.

15 3. The Tax Commission and each federally recognized Indian
16 tribe of this state which issues or intends to issue permanent
17 numbers shall develop and implement a permanent number system
18 consistent with United States Coast Guard statutes and regulations.
19 The system shall be effective upon the effective date of this act.

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

23 1. A documented vessel, provided that such vessel is currently
24 registered, is displaying both current registration decals, and the

1 name, hailing port and official federal documentation number
2 assigned to it are displayed on the vessel according to federal law
3 or federal rules and regulations;

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

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

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

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

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

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

20 C. Except as otherwise provided for in this section, every
21 vessel and every outboard motor on the waters of this state shall
22 display the current registration decals or decal assigned to it by
23 the ~~Oklahoma~~ Tax Commission. The outboard motor registration decal
24 shall be affixed to the upper portion of the motor cowling in such a

1 manner that approximately one-half (1/2) of the decal is displayed
2 on the left side of the motor cowling extending toward the rear of
3 the motor cowling. Vessel registration decals shall be:

- 4 1. Affixed on each side of the forward half of the vessel; and
- 5 2. In line with and within six (6) inches aft of the permanent
6 number.

7 D. The owner of any vessel issued a permanent number pursuant
8 to the provisions of the Oklahoma Vessel and Motor Registration Act,
9 Section 4002 et seq. of this title, shall place on or attach to the
10 vessel ~~said~~ the permanent number in such manner ~~as may be prescribed~~
11 ~~by the rules of the Commission, in order~~ that it may be clearly
12 visible. The permanent number shall ~~be~~:

- 13 1. Be maintained in legible condition;
- 14 2. Be painted, applied as a decal, or otherwise affixed to each
15 side of the forward half of the vessel in contrasting color to the
16 background, as high above the waterline as is practical;
- 17 3. Read from left to right;
- 18 4. Be comprised of numbers and letters printed in block style
19 of at least three (3) inches in height and one-half (1/2) inch in
20 stroke width; and
- 21 5. Have spaces or hyphens that are equal to the width of a
22 letter other than "I" or a number other than "1" between the letter
23 and number groupings. No other similar numbers shall be displayed
24 on either side of the forward half of the vessel.

1 E. The provisions of this section shall not apply to sailboards
2 or fishing tubes.

3 F. The Tax Commission shall adopt rules for the placement of
4 the registration decal in an alternate location for antique boats.

5 In this subsection, "antique boat" means a boat that:

- 6 1. Is used primarily for recreational purposes; and
- 7 2. Was manufactured before 1968.

8 Such rules shall allow vessels registered as antique boats to
9 display the registration decal on the left portion of the
10 windshield. In the absence of a windshield, the rules shall allow
11 operators of antique boats to attach the registration decal to the
12 certificate of registration and make such decal and certificate
13 available for inspection when the boat is operated on public water.

14 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2008.

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