



**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE  
Fiscal Note**

Fiscal Note On: **SB 205** SLS 26RS 480  
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<b>Subject:</b> Boat Registrations	

BOATS/BOATING EG -\$14,850 SD RV See Note Page 1 of 1  
 Provides for boat registrations. (8/1/26)

Present law requires any motorboat, houseboat, or sailboat operated on the waters of the state to be numbered in accordance with state or federal law and to display the numbers on each side of the vessels bow. Proposed law provides that a documented vessel under federal regulation, properly certified and marked in accordance with federal law, is not subject to state numbering and number display requirements.

EXPENDITURES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Annual Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

REVENUES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Ded./Other	<b>(\$14,850)</b>	<b>(\$14,850)</b>	<b>(\$14,850)</b>	<b>(\$14,850)</b>	<b>(\$14,850)</b>	<b>(\$74,250)</b>
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Annual Total</b>	<b>(\$14,850)</b>	<b>(\$14,850)</b>	<b>(\$14,850)</b>	<b>(\$14,850)</b>	<b>(\$14,850)</b>	<b>(\$74,250)</b>

**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure. The proposed law allows documented vessels under federal regulation, properly certified and marked in accordance with federal law, are not subject to state numbering and number display requirements.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**


Proposed law will decrease revenues out of the statutorily dedicated Conservation Fund by \$14,850 annually. Proposed law removes the requirement to state register motorboats, houseboats, or sailboats if they are under federal regulation, properly certified, and marked in accordance with federal law. Currently, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) reports that 450 boats registered meet these conditions.

A boat's registration lasts for three years, meaning that the department expects that approximately 150 or one-third of these registrations will decrease annually. Depending on the size of each vessel, registration fees range from \$36 to \$99 for a three-year registration. LDWF reports that a majority of the vessels that are over 40 feet long and are required to register with the state are at a cost of \$99.

Under proposed law, these vessels will no longer be required to register with the state. Assuming 150 vessels are register annually and require the highest fee, the decrease in revenue is \$14,850 annually (\$99 x 150 = \$14,850). To the extent that some of these vessels will be under 40 feet long and charged a lesser fee, then the revenue loss will decrease accordingly.

Senate Dual Referral Rules  
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}  
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

House  
 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}  
 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

  
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