

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Existing law provides that a person who owns a vessel with a valid certificate of documentation issued by the U.S. Coast Guard shall not be issued a certificate of title.

Prior law authorized, but did not require, the owner of certain vessels valued in excess of \$2,500 and certain outboard motors to apply to the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries for a certificate of title.

New law authorizes voluntary application for titling of any vessel or outboard motor to be principally operated on the waters of the state.

New law requires titling of any vessel valued in excess of \$5,000 that is required to be numbered and any outboard motor, purchased or otherwise transferred on or after January 1, 2027.

New law requires that applications for certificates of title for vessels and outboard motors subject to the mandatory titling requirement be submitted within 60 days after acquisition or a change in certificate information. For all other vessels and outboard motors, application for a certificate of title remains voluntary and may be made at any time.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Amends R.S. 34:852.3 and 852.4(A))