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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Removes a requirement that the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries issue hull identification numbers to vessels manufactured for sale within the state that do not qualify for assignment of a United States Coast Guard hull identification number.

Present law requires the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries to provide hull identification numbers to vessels that do not qualify for assignment of U.S. Coast Guard hull identification numbers, including vessels that are homemade, vessels that have been substantially altered, vessels with obliterated or incorrect identification numbers, and vessels manufactured for sale within the state.

Proposed law removes the requirement to issue hull identification numbers for vessels manufactured for sale in the state that do not meet U.S. Coast Guard vessel manufacturing specifications.

(Amends R.S. 34:852.3(A)(intro. para.) and 852.13(A) and (B))