

(7) A vessel [equipped with propelling machinery of seven and one-half horsepower or under] NUMBERED ACCORDING TO THE FEDERAL BOAT SAFETY ACT OF 1971.

(8) The [Commission] DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES may, by regulation from time to time and for such periods as it may prescribe, exempt any vessel or class of vessels from the numbering provisions of this article; provided, that any such vessel or class of vessels has been exempted from the numbering requirements by federal statute or regulations.

(b) No person shall operate or give permission for the operation of any vessel on the waters of Maryland unless the vessel is numbered in accordance with this article.

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(a) The owner of every vessel [required] to be numbered by this article shall file an application for a CERTIFICATE OF number with the Department of [Chesapeake Bay Affairs] NATURAL RESOURCES. The application shall be on forms approved by the Department. The application shall be accompanied by the requisite fee and shall be signed by the owner, or owners, of the vessel. All boats used in governmental service and all boats owned by eleemosynary organizations that have been approved by the [Commission] DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES shall be exempted from payment of any title tax BUT SHALL BE SUBJECT TO ALL OTHER FEES.

[[b) Upon receipt of the application in approved form the Department shall issue to the applicant a certificate of number which shall contain the identification number issued to the vessel and such additional information as the Department may, by regulation, prescribe. The certificate OF NUMBER shall be pocket size and shall be available for inspection UPON DEMAND BY ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER when the vessel is in [operation] USE. ALL CERTIFICATES OF NUMBER SHALL EXPIRE AND BECOME VOID ON DECEMBER 31 OF THE YEAR FOR WHICH IT WAS ISSUED. THE OWNER SHALL PAINT ON OR ATTACH THE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER TO EACH SIDE OF THE BOW OF THE VESSEL AS DEFINED BY THE COMMANDANT OF THE COAST GUARD, for which issued, displaying it in the manner required by the regulations of the Department and maintaining it in legible condition.]]

(c) [All certificates heretofore issued under the provisions of this section in the years 1960, 1961 and 1962 shall expire on December 31, 1962. All certificates issued in the year 1963 shall be valid for a period of not more than three years, and shall expire on December 31, 1965; and all certificates issued in 1964, 1965 and 1966 shall be valid for a period of not more than three years and shall expire on December 31 of the third year after issuance, counting the year of issuance. Thereafter all certificates shall be issued for a one-year period at a fee of five dollars (\$5.00).] THE ANNUAL FEE FOR ALL CERTIFICATES OF BOAT NUMBER SHALL BE \$5.00 FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR FOR WHICH THE CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED. [[THE FEE FOR THE RENEWAL OF A CERTIFICATE OF BOAT NUMBER IS DUE ON JANUARY 1 OF EACH YEAR, AND IF NOT PAID BY MARCH 1 OF EACH YEAR THERE SHALL BE AN ADDITIONAL SERVICE CHARGE OF \$5.00.] [[VESSELS 14 FEET IN LENGTH OR LESS AND VESSELS WITH PROPELLING MACHINERY OF FOUR HORSEPOWER OR LESS SHALL BE EXEMPT FROM THIS FEE]] PROVIDED HOWEVER, THAT VESSELS SIXTEEN FEET IN LENGTH OR LESS EQUIPPED WITH A 7 1/2 HORSEPOWER MOTOR OR LESS SHALL BE EXEMPT FROM THIS FEE. The fee for a certificate to replace one lost, destroyed or corrected shall be [one dollar (\$1.00)] \$2.00. The Department of [Chesapeake Bay Affairs] NATURAL RESOURCES shall record all transactions and transfers of numbered boats. The Department also may record any amount of money owing on a vessel required to be