

(c) (1) The Department or [its] THE DEPARTMENT'S designee shall issue a certificate of boating safety education to a person who:

(i) Passes the [departmentally prescribed] course PRESCRIBED BY THE DEPARTMENT in boating safety education; or

(ii) Passes a boating safety equivalency examination administered by persons authorized to offer the course on boating safety education.

(3) (i) Once issued, the certificate of boating safety education:

1. [is] IS valid for the lifetime of the person to whom [it] THE CERTIFICATE was issued; and

2. [may] MAY not be revoked by the Department or a court of law.

(4) (i) The Department or [its] THE DEPARTMENT'S designee may issue a 30-day temporary certificate of boating safety education to a person who signs an affidavit stating that the person has read and understood the boating safety education materials provided by the Department.

(ii) The 30-day temporary certificate of boating safety education issued in accordance with [paragraph (4)(i) of this subsection] SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH may be renewed for [one] 1 additional 30-day period.

(d) On or after July 1, 1988[,] a person who is subject to the provisions of [paragraph (1) of subsection (a)] SUBSECTION (A)(1) of this section and who operates on waters of the State a vessel for pleasure that is required to be numbered in accordance with this subtitle or a vessel for pleasure that is required to be numbered in accordance with the Federal Boat Safety Act of 1971, in violation of any requirement of this section, is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to:

(1) For a first offense, a fine not exceeding \$25; and

(2) For any subsequent offense that occurs within 2 years of a prior conviction under this section, a fine not exceeding \$500.

(f) (2) A person may be cited[,] but not apprehended solely[,] for a violation of this section.

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(b) Numbers displayed by authority of manufacturer's or dealer's certificates of number may be transferred from [one] 1 vessel to another vessel owned by the manufacturer or dealer and may be affixed in a temporary manner. These numbers shall be used only on vessels demonstrated, tested, or owned by the manufacturer or dealer, and these numbers are not valid for use on the vessels when chartered, rented, or leased by the manufacturer or dealer.

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