CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

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VESSEL REGISTRATION VIOLATIONS

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Passed by the House February 9, 2006
Yeas 98  Nays 0

FRANK CHOPP
Speaker of the House of Representatives

Passed by the Senate March 2, 2006
Yeas 43  Nays 0

BRAD OWEN
President of the Senate

Approved March 14, 2006.

CERTIFICATE

I, Richard Nafziger, Chief Clerk
of the House of Representatives of
the State of Washington, do hereby
certify that the attached is HOUSE
BILL 1641 as passed by the House
of Representatives and the Senate
on the dates hereon set forth.

RICHARD NAFZIGER
Chief Clerk

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March 14, 2006 - 2:41 p.m.

CHRISTINE GREGOIRE
Governor of the State of Washington

Secretary of State
State of Washington
AN ACT Relating to decriminalizing vessel registration violations; amending RCW 88.02.020, 88.02.090, and 88.02.110; and prescribing penalties.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

Sec. 1. RCW 88.02.020 and 1985 c 267 s 1 are each amended to read as follows:

Except as provided in this chapter, no person may own or operate any vessel on the waters of this state unless the vessel has been registered and displays a registration number and a valid decal in accordance with this chapter, except that a vessel which has or is required to have a valid marine document as a vessel of the United States is only required to display a valid decal. A violation of this section is a class 2 civil infraction.

Sec. 2. RCW 88.02.090 and 1983 c 7 s 21 are each amended to read as follows:

Any person charged with the enforcement of this chapter may request for inspection the certificate of registration from any vessel owner or operator to ascertain the legal and registered ownership of such
vessel. Failure to provide such certificate for inspection upon the request of any person charged with enforcement of this chapter (constitutes) is a (violation of this chapter and subjects the person requested to produce such document to the penalties provided by RCW 88.02.110) class 2 civil infraction.

Sec. 3. RCW 88.02.110 and 1993 c 244 s 4 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, a violation of this chapter and the rules adopted by the department pursuant to these statutes is a misdemeanor punishable only by a fine not to exceed one hundred dollars per vessel for the first violation. Subsequent violations in the same year are subject to the following fines:

(a) For the second violation, a fine of two hundred dollars per vessel;

(b) For the third and successive violations, a fine of four hundred dollars per vessel.

(2) A violation designated in this chapter as a civil infraction shall be punished accordingly pursuant to chapter 7.80 RCW.

(3) After subtraction of court costs and administrative collection fees, moneys collected under this section shall be credited to the current expense fund of the arresting jurisdiction.

(4) All law enforcement officers shall have the authority to enforce this chapter, and the rules adopted by the department pursuant to these statutes within their respective jurisdictions: PROVIDED, That a city, town, or county may contract with a fire protection district for such enforcement and fire protection districts are authorized to engage in such activities.

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