

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

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VESSEL REGISTRATION VIOLATIONS

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FRANK CHOPP

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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BRAD OWEN

President of the Senate

Approved March 14, 2006.

CHRISTINE GREGOIRE

Governor of the State of Washington

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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**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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By Representatives Kretz, Blake, Ahern, Buri, Ericks, Serben, DeBolt, Schindler, Kristiansen, Condotta, Orcutt, Strow, Cox, Buck and Armstrong

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1 AN ACT Relating to decriminalizing vessel registration violations;
2 amending RCW 88.02.020, 88.02.090, and 88.02.110; and prescribing
3 penalties.

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

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

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

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

16 Any person charged with the enforcement of this chapter may request
17 for inspection the certificate of registration from any vessel owner or
18 operator to ascertain the legal and registered ownership of such

1 vessel. Failure to provide such certificate for inspection upon the
2 request of any person charged with enforcement of this chapter
3 (~~constitutes~~) is a (~~violation of this chapter and subjects the~~
4 ~~person requested to produce such document to the penalties provided by~~
5 ~~RCW 88.02.110~~) class 2 civil infraction.

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

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

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

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

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

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

22 (~~(3)~~) (4) All law enforcement officers shall have the authority
23 to enforce this chapter, and the rules adopted by the department
24 pursuant to these statutes within their respective jurisdictions:
25 PROVIDED, That a city, town, or county may contract with a fire
26 protection district for such enforcement and fire protection districts
27 are authorized to engage in such activities.

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