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1 AN ACT Relating to the vessel length requirement in obtaining
2 nonresident vessel permits; amending RCW 88.02.620; and providing an
3 expiration date.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 88.02.620 and 2023 c 374 s 23 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (1) A vessel owner who is a nonresident person must obtain a
8 nonresident vessel permit on or before the 61st day of use in
9 Washington state if the vessel:

10 (a) Is currently registered or numbered under the laws of the
11 state or country of principal operation, has been issued a valid
12 number under federal law, or has a valid United States customs
13 service cruising license issued under 19 C.F.R. Sec. 4.94; and

14 (b) Has been brought into Washington state for not more than six
15 months in any continuous 12-month period, and is used:

16 (i) For personal use; or

17 (ii) For the purposes of chartering a vessel with a captain or
18 crew, as long as individual charters are for at least three or more
19 consecutive days in duration. The permit also applies for the
20 purposes of necessary transit to or from the start or end point of

1 such a charter, but that transit time is not counted toward the
2 duration of the charter.

3 (2) In addition to the requirements in subsection (1) of this
4 section, a nonresident vessel owner that is not a natural person, or
5 a nonresident vessel owner who is a natural person who intends to
6 charter the vessel with a captain or crew as provided in subsection
7 (1)(b)(ii) of this section, may only obtain a nonresident vessel
8 permit if:

9 (a) The vessel is at least 30 feet in length, but no more than
10 ((200)) 300 feet in length;

11 (b) No Washington state resident owns the vessel or is a
12 principal, as defined in RCW 82.32.865, of the nonresident person
13 which owns the vessel; and

14 (c) The department of revenue has provided the nonresident vessel
15 owner written approval authorizing the permit as provided in RCW
16 82.32.865.

17 (3) A nonresident vessel permit:

18 (a) May be obtained from the department, county auditor or other
19 agent, or subagent appointed by the director;

20 (b) Must show the date the vessel first came into Washington
21 state; and

22 (c) Is valid for two months.

23 (4) The department, county auditor or other agent, or subagent
24 appointed by the director must collect the fee required in RCW
25 88.02.640(1)(i) when issuing nonresident vessel permits.

26 (5) A nonresident vessel permit is not required under this
27 section if the vessel is used in conducting temporary business
28 activity within Washington state.

29 (6) For any permits issued under this section to a nonresident
30 vessel owner that is not a natural person, or for any permits issued
31 to a natural person who intends to charter the vessel with a captain
32 or crew as provided in subsection (1)(b)(ii) of this section, the
33 department must maintain a record of the following information and
34 provide it to the department of revenue quarterly or as otherwise
35 mutually agreed to by the department and department of revenue:

36 (a) The name of the record owner of the vessel;

37 (b) The vessel's hull identification number;

38 (c) The amount of the fee paid under RCW 88.02.640(5);

39 (d) The date the vessel first entered the waters of this state;

40 (e) The expiration date for the permit; and

1 (f) Any other information mutually agreed to by the department
2 and department of revenue.

3 (7) The department must adopt rules to implement this section,
4 including rules on issuing and displaying the nonresident vessel
5 permit.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** Section 1 of this act expires January 1,
7 2029.

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