

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Document

No. 505

H. P. 412

House of Representatives, February 16, 1977

On motion of Mr. Dow of West Gardiner, referred to the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife. Sent up for concurrence and 2,500 copies ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Wilfong of Stow.

Cosponsors: Mr. Spencer of Standish, Mr. Dexter of Kingfield, Mr. Dow of West Gardiner.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-SEVEN

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AN ACT to Provide for Boat Registration in Municipalities.

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Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

12 MRSA § 2070-A is enacted to read:

§ 2070-A. Registration in municipality

1. Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife; designation of agents. With the approval of the municipal officers of a municipality, the commissioner may appoint municipal tax collectors or such other persons as a municipality may designate to collect registration fees for watercraft. The appointment of such agent shall continue while the agent shall hold such office or employment, unless the body which approved the appointment requests that it be revoked. Appointments may be revoked for cause by the commissioner.

A. The commissioner shall provide the persons appointed to collect watercraft registration fees with the following:

- (1) Blank registration forms of envelope size with a minimum of 3 copies of each form;
- (2) Accounting sheets;
- (3) All stickers and certificates, in numbered sequence as described in section 2070;

(4) Identification numbers; and

(5) Return envelopes.

2. Fees. The fees for each original or renewal certificate of number with validation stickers are as follows:

A. All watercraft requiring or requesting certificate of number;	\$6.00
B. Duplicate certificate of number;	\$1.50
C. Duplicate validation sticker (each one);	\$ .50
D. Certificate of number issued with transfer of ownership authorized in subsection 4.	\$2.00

3. Forwarding of fees. All fees shall be forwarded by the municipal agent to the commissioner, except that \$1 of each fee for a certificate of number, 50¢ of each fee for a duplicate certificate number, 25¢ of each fee for a single duplicate validation sticker and \$1 of each fee for a certificate number issued with a transfer of ownership shall be retained by the municipality to defray administrative costs incurred by this section.

4. Numbers permanent. A number once awarded under this chapter to a motorboat remains with that boat until the boat is destroyed, abandoned, permanently removed or no longer principally used in this State.

5. Transfer of ownership. Whoever transfers ownership of a motorboat for which a certificate of number has already been issued under this chapter and applies for a certificate of number for another motorboat is entitled to a new certificate of number upon payment of a transfer fee of \$2 as set forth in subsection 2, paragraph D, provided the applicant returns to the municipal agent authorized to collect boat registration fees the old certificate of number properly signed and executed, showing that ownership of the motorboat has been transferred and that there are at least 6 months of unexpired time on his old certificate of number.

6. New ownership. If there is a change of ownership of a motorboat for which a certificate of number has previously been issued under this chapter, the new owner shall apply for a new certificate of number and set forth the original boat number in his application. He shall pay the regular fee for the particular motorboat involved and is not entitled to the special transfer fee set forth in subsection 5.

7. Duplicate certificate and validation stickers. The holder of any certificate of number issued under this chapter may obtain a duplicate certificate or validation stickers from the municipal agent upon application and payment of the fee set forth in subsection 2.

8. Expiration date, renewal. Every certificate of number awarded under this chapter continues in force until December 31st of the 2nd complete calendar year after the year of issuance. The owner may renew his certificate of number at expiration by stating the old number in his application and

paying the prescribed fee. The fee is the same fee he would pay for the original issuance.

9. **Exemptions.** Motorboats exempt under section 2069, subsection 3 shall also be exempt from the provisions of this section.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

The intention of this legislation is to enable owners of watercraft to register and reregister watercraft in the municipalities of their residence. This bill will also return some measure of local control to Maine's municipalities.