

NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT (EXCERPT)
Act 451 of 1994

324.44502 Conditions to renting or leasing charter boat or carrying passengers for hire; possession and display of valid pilot's license; obtaining vessel inspection certificate and pilot's license.

Sec. 44502. (1) A person shall not rent or lease, or offer to rent or lease, a charter boat, and a person shall not carry passengers for hire on a vessel on the waters of this state unless all of the following conditions are satisfied:

(a) The department has inspected the vessel, if required by this part, and has issued a certificate of inspection that is valid and current for the vessel.

(b) The operator of the vessel is a licensed pilot or is under the direct supervision of a licensed pilot who is on board the vessel.

(c) The person complies with the reporting requirements of section 44508.

(2) The licensed pilot of a charter boat shall possess a valid and current pilot's license issued in his or her name and shall immediately display that license upon demand of any peace officer.

(3) A person shall not operate a charter boat that carries 7 or more passengers on navigable waters without first obtaining a current vessel inspection certificate and a pilot's license from the United States coast guard or other federal agency.

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