

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

**324.44507 Inspection of charter boats and equipment; certificate of inspection; number of crew; effect of noncompliance.**

Sec. 44507. (1) Except for an inspection under section 44511(2) and except for a class E vessel that is a charter boat, the department shall inspect or arrange for the inspection of every charter boat and its equipment once every 24 months while the charter boat is at dockside and at least once every 72 months while the charter boat is in dry dock to determine if the charter boat and its equipment comply with the rules promulgated under section 44504. In addition, the department may at any time inspect or provide for the inspection of any charter boat if the department has reasonable cause either to believe that a provision of this part has been violated or that an inspection is necessary to ensure the safety of life and property. This subsection shall not apply to a class E vessel that is a charter boat; however, the department may inspect a class E vessel that is a charter boat if necessary to ensure the safety of life and property.

(2) If, after the inspection provided for in section 44502 and payment of the fees prescribed in section 44511, it is found that the charter boat and its equipment complies with this part and the rules promulgated under this part, the department shall issue to the owner of the charter boat a certificate of inspection to be furnished by the department. The certificate of inspection shall:

- (a) Contain the maximum passenger, crew, and total person capacity of the charter boat.
- (b) Be prominently displayed on the charter boat while the charter boat is operated upon waters of the state.
- (c) Expire on May 31 of the second year following the year in which the charter boat was dockside inspected, except that the department may extend the expiration date if conditions exist that prevent the launching or the inspection of the charter boat before the expiration of the certificate of inspection.

(3) The department may determine the number of crew necessary for the safe operation of a charter boat.

(4) If it is determined by the department that a charter boat or its equipment does not comply with this part, or the rules promulgated under this part, or applicable federal law or regulations, a certificate of inspection shall not be issued and any current certificate of inspection may be revoked by the department pursuant to chapter 5 of the administrative procedures act of 1969, Act No. 306 of the Public Acts of 1969, being sections 24.291 to 24.292 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

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