

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

324.80125 Notice of destruction or sale of vessel; transfer of vessel; change of address; surrender of certificate; cancellation of certificate and reassignment of number; certificate for replacement vessel; refund; recording new address and returning certificates; application for transfer of certificate; fees; duration of certificate; duplicate certificate.

Sec. 80125. (1) The owner of a vessel shall notify the secretary of state within 15 days if the vessel is destroyed or sold; if an interest in the vessel is transferred either wholly or in part, to another person; or if the owner's address no longer conforms to the address appearing on the certificate of number. The notice shall consist of a surrender of the certificate of number, on which the proper information shall be noted on a place to be provided on the certificate. When the surrender of the certificate is due to the vessel being destroyed, the secretary of state shall cancel the certificate and enter that fact in the secretary of state's records, and the number may be reassigned.

(2) The owner of a destroyed vessel, upon proper application, may receive a new certificate of number, valid for the remainder of the numbering period, for a replacement vessel, if all of the following conditions are met:

(a) The replacement vessel is owned by the same person who owned the destroyed vessel.

(b) The owner of the replacement vessel pays additional fees, if required under section 80124, due to the change in vessel size or classification.

(c) Payment of a \$2.00 application fee.

(3) If the fees required for the replacement vessel under section 80124 are less than the fees that were required for the destroyed vessel, the owner of the vessel shall not receive a refund.

(4) If the surrender of the certificate of number is due to a change of the owner's address, the new address shall be recorded by the secretary of state and a certificate of number bearing that information shall be returned to the owner.

(5) The transferee of a vessel registered under this part, within 15 days after acquisition of the vessel, shall apply to the secretary of state for transfer to the transferee of the certificate of number issued to the vessel. The transferee shall provide his or her name, address, and the number of the vessel and pay to the secretary of state a transfer fee of \$2.00. The registration fee for the certificate of number shall be 2/3 the fee provided in section 80124 if the transferred certificate of number would have remained valid for 1 year or less. The registration fee for the certificate of number shall be 1/3 the fee provided in section 80124 if the transferred certificate of number would have remained valid for more than 1 year but less than 2 years. An additional registration fee shall not be assessed if the transferred registration would have remained valid for 2 or more years. Unless the application is made and the fee paid within 15 days after acquisition of the vessel, the vessel shall be considered to be without certificate of number and a person shall not operate the vessel until a certificate is issued. Upon receipt of the application and appropriate fees, the secretary of state shall transfer the certificate of number issued for the vessel to the new owner. The certificate of number shall be valid for a 3-year period.

(6) If a certificate of number is lost, mutilated, or illegible, the owner of the vessel shall obtain a duplicate of the certificate upon application and payment of a fee of \$2.00.

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