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9 A BILL
10 TO BE ENTITLED
11 AN ACT
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13 Relating to the registration of vessels; to amend
14 Section 33-5-11 of the Code of Alabama 1975, relating to the
15 numbering of vessels; to provide for identification number
16 stickers to be issued by the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency;
17 to authorize identification stickers supporting organizations
18 under certain conditions; and to provide for fees and
19 distribution.

20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

21 Section 1. Section 33-5-11 of the Code of Alabama
22 1975, is amended to read as follows:

23 "§33-5-11.

24 "(a) ~~The~~ Except as otherwise provided in subsection
25 (b), the owner of each vessel requiring numbering by this
26 state shall file an application for a number with the probate
27 judges' offices, or license commissioner, in the county of

1 residence of the purchaser, or the county in which the vessel
2 is domiciled, or in the county where the vessel is purchased,
3 or if purchased out of state, in the county of residence of
4 the purchaser, or in the county where the vessel is domiciled
5 on forms approved by the ~~Department of Conservation and~~
6 ~~Natural Resources~~ Alabama Law Enforcement Agency. The
7 application shall be filed by the owner of the vessel and
8 shall be accompanied by a fee in accordance with Section
9 33-5-17. Upon receipt of the application and its approval by
10 the authorized issuing officer, the officer shall enter the
11 same upon the records and issue to the applicant a certificate
12 of registration stating the number awarded to the vessel, the
13 name and address of the owner, and a description of the
14 vessel. The owner shall paint on or attach to each side of the
15 bow of the vessel the annual identification number issued in
16 such manner as may be prescribed by rules ~~and regulations~~ of
17 the ~~Department of Conservation and Natural Resources~~ Alabama
18 Law Enforcement Agency, or in lieu thereof, attach to each
19 side of the bow of the vessel an identification number sticker
20 valid for five years, issued as provided by rules of the
21 agency, so that it may be clearly visible and be of such size
22 as required by the Federal Boating Act of 1958 or any
23 subsequent amendment thereto. The number shall be maintained
24 in legible condition. The certificate of registration shall be
25 pocket size and shall be available at all times for inspection
26 on the vessel for which issued whenever the vessel is in
27 operation. Each pair of five-year identification number

1 stickers shall be furnished by the agency for a cost of twenty
2 dollars (\$20) plus an additional two dollar (\$2) issuance fee.
3 The issuance fee shall be paid to and collected by the issuing
4 officer in each county. The funds shall be used at the sole
5 discretion of the issuing officer for equipment, maintenance,
6 and any services necessary for the improvement of the office
7 of the licensing official. Disbursement of the funds shall be
8 audited by the Department of Examiners of Public Accounts. The
9 proceeds from the issuance of the stickers, less the issuance
10 fee and cost of production and processing, shall be paid to
11 the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources earmarked
12 for the state parks.

13 "(b) In lieu of the regular identification number
14 stickers issued by the agency and subject to certain
15 transition provisions as further provided in subsection (c),
16 the owner of a vessel may request five-year distinctive
17 identification stickers showing support for any organization
18 approved for the issuance of distinctive motor vehicle license
19 tags as provided pursuant to Section 32-6-64. The design and
20 use of the stickers shall be approved by the Joint Legislative
21 Oversight Committee on License Tags created pursuant to
22 Section 32-6-67 and the secretary of the agency. The
23 additional cost of distinctive identification stickers for a
24 vessel shall be fifty dollars (\$50). Except as provided in
25 subsection (c), twenty-five dollars (\$25) of the proceeds
26 shall be distributed to the organization sponsoring the
27 distinctive license tag and twenty-five dollars (\$25) less any

1 additional cost of production and processing, shall be
2 distributed to the Department of Conservation and Natural
3 Resources earmarked for the operation of the state parks.

4 "(c) If the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on
5 License Tags has approved a distinctive design for a motor
6 vehicle license tag that does not currently provide revenue to
7 a sponsoring organization, the fifty dollars (\$50) additional
8 cost, less any additional cost of production and processing,
9 shall be distributed to the Department of Conservation and
10 Natural Resources earmarked for the operation of the state
11 parks.

12 "(d) Notwithstanding subsection (b), the first
13 period for the issuance of a distinctive identification
14 sticker after approval by the joint committee shall be for a
15 period corresponding to the end of the current period of
16 registration for distinctive motor vehicle license tags for
17 the same sponsoring organization. The distinctive
18 identification stickers may then be renewed for five years on
19 the anniversary date for the renewal of a distinctive motor
20 vehicle license tag for the same sponsoring organization."

21 Section 2. This act shall be implemented on October
22 1, 2016.

23 Section 3. All laws or parts of laws which conflict
24 with this act are repealed.

25 Section 4. This act shall become effective
26 immediately following its passage and approval by the
27 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

