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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

A bill for an act

relating to natural resources; modifying watercraft surcharge; modifying water recreation account; providing for a nonresident fishing surcharge; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 86B.415, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7; 86B.706, subdivision 3; 97A.475, subdivision 7.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 86B.415, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Watercraft 19 feet or less.** The fee for a watercraft license for watercraft 19 feet or less in length is \$27 plus a \$25 surcharge except:

(1) for watercraft, other than personal watercraft, 19 feet in length or less that is offered for rent or lease, the fee is \$9 plus a \$5 surcharge;

(2) for a canoe, kayak, sailboat, sailboard, paddle boat, or rowing shell 19 feet in length or less, the fee is \$10.50 plus a \$5 surcharge;

(3) for a watercraft 19 feet in length or less used by a nonprofit corporation for teaching boat and water safety, the fee is as provided in subdivision 4;

(4) for a watercraft owned by a dealer under a dealer's license, the fee is as provided in subdivision 5;

(5) for a personal watercraft, the fee is \$37.50 plus a \$15 surcharge; and

(6) for a watercraft less than 17 feet in length, other than a watercraft listed in clauses (1) to (5), the fee is \$18 plus a \$10 surcharge.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 86B.415, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Watercraft over 19 feet.** Except as provided in subdivisions 3, 4, and 5, the watercraft license fee:

2.1 (1) for a watercraft more than 19 feet but less than 26 feet in length is \$45 plus a  
 2.2 \$25 surcharge;

2.3 (2) for a watercraft 26 feet but less than 40 feet in length is \$67.50 plus a \$25  
 2.4 surcharge; and

2.5 (3) for a watercraft 40 feet in length or longer is \$90 plus a \$25 surcharge.

2.6 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 86B.415, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

2.7 Subd. 3. **Watercraft over 19 feet for hire.** The license fee for a watercraft more  
 2.8 than 19 feet in length for hire with an operator is \$75 plus a \$25 surcharge each.

2.9 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 86B.415, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

2.10 Subd. 4. **Watercraft used by nonprofit corporation for teaching.** The watercraft  
 2.11 license fee for a watercraft used by a nonprofit organization for teaching boat and water  
 2.12 safety is \$4.50 plus a \$5 surcharge each.

2.13 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 86B.415, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

2.14 Subd. 5. **Dealer's license.** There is no separate fee for watercraft owned by a dealer  
 2.15 under a dealer's license. The fee for a dealer's license is \$67.50 plus a \$25 surcharge.

2.16 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 86B.415, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

2.17 Subd. 7. **Watercraft surcharge.** ~~A \$5 surcharge is placed on each watercraft~~  
 2.18 ~~licensed~~ The surcharge placed on each watercraft under subdivisions 1 to 5 shall be used  
 2.19 for prevention, control, containment, public awareness, law enforcement, emergency  
 2.20 response and treatment, monitoring, and research of aquatic invasive species such as zebra  
 2.21 mussel, purple loosestrife, and Eurasian water milfoil in public waters and public wetlands.

2.22 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 86B.706, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

2.23 Subd. 3. **Purposes.** The money in the account may be expended only as  
 2.24 appropriated by law for the following purposes:

2.25 (1) as directed under section 296A.18, subdivision 2, for acquisition, development,  
 2.26 maintenance, and rehabilitation of public water access and boating facilities on public  
 2.27 waters; lake and river improvements; and boat and water safety;

2.28 (2) from the fees collected at state-operated or state-assisted small craft harbors  
 2.29 and mooring facilities from daily and seasonal moorings and the sale of marine gas, for  
 2.30 maintenance, operation, replacement, and expansion of these facilities and for the debt  
 2.31 service on state bonds sold to finance these facilities;

3.1 (3) for administration and enforcement of this chapter as it pertains to titling  
3.2 and licensing of watercraft and use and safe operation of watercraft; grants for  
3.3 county-sponsored and administered boat and water safety programs; and state boat and  
3.4 water safety efforts;

3.5 (4) for management of aquatic invasive species and the implementation of chapter  
3.6 84D as it pertains to aquatic invasive species, including prevention, control, containment,  
3.7 public awareness, emergency response and treatment, law enforcement, assessment and  
3.8 monitoring, management planning, and research; and

3.9 (5) for management of aquatic plants and the implementation of section 103G.615 as  
3.10 it pertains to aquatic plants, including plant removal permitting, control, public awareness,  
3.11 law enforcement, assessment and monitoring, management planning, and research.

3.12 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 97A.475, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

3.13 Subd. 7. **Nonresident fishing.** (a) Fees for the following licenses, to be issued  
3.14 to nonresidents, are:

3.15 (1) to take fish by angling, \$34;

3.16 (2) to take fish by angling limited to seven consecutive days selected by the licensee,  
3.17 \$24;

3.18 (3) to take fish by angling for a 72-hour period selected by the licensee, \$20;

3.19 (4) to take fish by angling for a combined license for a family for one or both parents  
3.20 and dependent children under the age of 16, \$46;

3.21 (5) to take fish by angling for a 24-hour period selected by the licensee, \$8.50; and

3.22 (6) to take fish by angling for a combined license for a married couple, limited to  
3.23 14 consecutive days selected by one of the licensees, \$35.

3.24 (b) A \$2 surcharge shall be added to all nonresident fishing licenses, except licenses  
3.25 issued under paragraph (a), clause (5). An additional commission may not be assessed  
3.26 on this surcharge.